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"he vent straight to a country hitherto unknown and
maken by our people, where he found salt-pits, at a
point which he named Las Mugeres, because he there
discovered stone towers and chapels, covered with
wood and straw, in which were arranged in order
several idols resembling women. The Spaniards
were astonished, for the first time to see strong edifices, which had not as yet been discovered, and also
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if he had," says the devout but ruthless con-queror parenthetically. A little while after-wards, having been courteously received by the Itzalan Indians, Cortes

"entrusted them with the care of his horse Morzillo, which had been lamed; charging them to take great care of it, and attend to its recovery, as he prized it very highly, and telling them that when he had found the Spaniards he was in search of, he should send for his steed again. It was from no want of care on the part of the Itzaex, but rather from an excess of it, that Morzillo lost his life under their management for in their anxiety to effect a cure, and regarding the animal as one endowed with reason, they gave him poultry and other meat to eat, and presented him with bunches of flowers, as they were accustomed to do to persons of rank when they were sick; a species of attention somewhat similar to that which species of attention somewhat similar to that which the fool laughed at in 'King Lear,' when he speaks of the cockney who, 'in pure kindness to his horse, buttered his hay.' The consequence of this unaccus-tomed style of medical treatment was that Morzillo languished and died, and then a worse evil befell, for, observes the pious Villagutierre, though some people say Canek burnt his idols in the presence of Cortes, there was, in reality, no burning of idols or anything else in that city of Tayasal; on the contrary, by leaving the horse with those infidel Itzaex. trary, by leaving the horse with those infidel Itzex, they obtained a greater and still more abominable idol than the many they had before.' The meaning of this sentence is subsequently explained by the worthy chronicler informing us that, on the death of Morzillo, the Itzex raised its effigy 'in stone and mortar, very perfect,' and worshipped it as a divinity. It was seated on its hind-quarters, on the floor of one of the temples, risingon, its fore, leave and with its hindof the temples, rising on its fore-legs, and with its hind-legs bent under it. Those barbarians adored it as legs bent under it. Those barbarians adored it as the god of thunder and thunderbolts, calling him Tziminchac, which means the bride of thunder, or the thunderbolt. They gave it this name from having seen some of the Spaniards who were with Cortes fire their muskets over their horses' heads when they were hunting the deer, and they believed the house were the cause of the noise that was made, which they took for thunder, and the flash of the discharge and the smoke of the gunpowder for a

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It was not only by arms that the newly-dis-covered provinces of America were "pacified": Missionaries arrived there close on the heels of the great captains and seconded their efforts with zeal and courage. Conversions, such as

In some places, however, they were often brought very near to the honours of martyrdom.

"The Adelantado was very desirous that the provinces which had formerly owned subjection to Tutul Niu, and which were situated south of Merida, should become the scene of religious conversion, and in conformity with his wish, Fathers Villalpando and Benavente set out, in their usual guise, barefooted and staff in hand, towards the close of the year 1547. They first directed their steps to the township of Man, in the heart of a vast sierra; here they were well received, the people flocking around them in great numbers, and rendering their assistance to build them a house and church. Besides their spiritual emancipation, a great object which the missionaries had in view was to release the Indians from the state of slavery in which their caciques held them, and their most strenuous arguments were directed towards this end. This alarmed the caciques, and they took counsel together how to frus-trate a project which threatened to deprive them of their temporal authority; the importance of every chief being in proportion to the number of slaves who acknowledged him for their lord. They came then secretly to the resolution of taking the came then secretly to the resolution of taking the lives of the missionaries, and, the better to accomplish their purpose, decided upon burning them alive in the building which their people had raised for the celebration of Christian worship when first the Fathers established themselves in the sierra. The period fixed upon for the perpetration of this deed was the 28th of September, 1548, the eve of St. Michael, and the missionaries remained wholly unsusmichael, and the missionaries remained wholly unsus-picious of the plot combined against them. It chanced, however, that on the day named for the execution of the murderous project, an Indian child recently baptized came to Father Villalpando to be catechized. But before the catechism began, 'Priest,' and the boy, 'answer me a question which I wish to put to you.' Ask it,' replied the Father; and the boy continued: Ask it, replied the Father; and the boy continued: 'which is better,' he demanded, 'to live or to die?'—' It is better to live,' returned Villalpando, 'because to live is our natural state, while death is the inheritance acquired by sin.'—'Then, Father,' said the child, 'if you wish to live you must fly hence, for the chiefs amongst our people have determined upon the chiefs amongst our people have determined upon your death, and this very night you will be burnt in the church if you remain in it.—Father Villalpando did not betray any emotion at this intelligence, but thanked the child, telling him that he was in the thanked the child, telling him that he was in the hands of God, and desiring him to go back to his parents that night, and return to see him-on the following day. The child expressed his doubts about finding him alive, but Villalpando dismissed him with his blessing, and then repaired to his coadjutor, to whom he related the terrible news he had just learnt. Father Benavente was greatly moved at heaving; the W Villalpando switnied him with words. hearing it, but Villalpando sustained him with words of comfort, and together they went to the church, where, throwing themselves at the foot of the cross, they petitioned for strength from on high to support them in the coming hour of trial. They passed the evening in prayer and religious conference; Father evening in prayer and rengious connectice; rather Villalpando, who was the most resigned, omitting no argument to reconcile his companion to the martyrdom which awaited them both. While thus occupied the night drew on, and about the eleventh hour a noise was heard as of a crowd approaching; and, from one of the windows of the building, the Fathers saw a great multitude of Indians, armed with bows, arrows, and darts, and brandishing lighted torches. They drew near the church, and surrounded it, and, for a whole hour, continued to cry out that they meant to burn it to the ground and kill the mis-sionaries, if they attempted to escape. Meanwhile, the two Fathers remained perfectly impassive, prof-fering neither speech nor gesture, but silently engaged in prayer; and the Indians,-awed perhaps by the calm resignation of their intended victims, or repenting of their resolve,—refrained from carrying their threats into execution, though from time to time they assailed them with the most injurious epithets. By degrees, however, their exclamations abated, their rage evaporated, and, shortly after midnight, the Fathers were left alone in the church, to offer up their matin prayers to Saint Michael for their deliverance. By a providential circumstance, the day not then die, though "it would have been better they were, rapidly rewarded their exertions. had scarcely dawned, when Father Villalpando and

his companion were aware of the noise of horses' hoofs, and of words uttered in the Spanish language These sounds were caused by the accidental arrival of a party of their countrymen, who had been despatched by the Adelantado to a place called Petu, fourteen leagues further to the eastward, to quell a disturbance there, but having missed their way had happened upon the township of Mani, while the missionaries were chanting their matin song. There was great joy on both sides at the meeting which then took place, when the Fathers recounted the danger they had escaped; and the new-comers joined them in singing a Te Deum of thanks and praise. At the accustomed hour of morning service, the bell was rung as usual for assembling the Indians to prayer; but no one appeared except the child who, on the previous day, had warned Villalpando of the plot against his life. He said that all the Indians, fearing the armed Spaniards, whose arrival they had wit-nessed, had fied to the mountains, but that he had come to see if Villalpando was still alive. He was fondly caresned by the good father, who related the story to the Spaniards and their leader Caudillo, it was by him communicated to the Antelantado at Merida, who, in conjunction with Tutul Xiu, the cacique of Mani, immediately adopted measures for cacque of Man, immediately adopted measures for punishing the chiefs who had imagined the deaths of the missionaries. Twenty-seven of the principal conspirators were taken, and conducted to Merida, when they confessed the crime of which they were accused, and were sentenced to be burnt. The Adelantado resolved to carry the sentence into effect; the fire was made ready, and the Indians, bound hand and foot, were brought out to undergo their punishment, when Father Villalpando, throwing himself upon his knees before Montejo, earnestly besought him to spare their lives. It was with diffi-culty that the Governor was brought to listen to the missionary's prayer; but at last he yielded to the eloquent pleadings of Villalpando, and instead of being condemned to the flames, the culprits were transferred to the religious care of the inmates of the convent of Merida."

The specimens we have given will afford an idea of the simple, straightforward style in which Mr. Fancourt writes. We have already alluded to the want of picturesqueness in the choice and grouping of the materials. In a work of this kind, it may be added, a complete description of the physical aspect and of the productions of the country is expected. However, this want may be supplied in the volume which is to follow this; and which will, no doubt, contain pictures of the bold and adventurous life of the British log-wood cutters in the forests of Honduras.

The Works of George Herbert, in Prose and Verse. Edited by the Rev. R. A. Willmott. Routledge & Co.

WE can understand a lover of old books, a collector of odds and ends—dates, facts, notes and illustrations—making a favourite of his copy of George Herbert. Hitherto this quaint and beautiful old poet has escaped the heavy hand of the commentator. His poetry—his prose—his character—his influence offer themselves to the illustrator and the annotator as a mine of gold. Mr. Willmott, therefore, is happy in his theme:

—we can add, after scanning his notes with some attention, that he is also happy in his treatment of an author whom we must consider as one of the most interesting of poetical writers.

In the way of "Life," there is not much to record of Herbert;—and that little has been quaintly and lovingly recorded by Izaak Walton. His days and nights were given to the calm round of study, the discharge of pastoral duties, and the composition of those devotional and moral poems which have made him the monitor and minister of so many hearts. Such a life has none of the dramatic vicissitude—the spectacular points and pauses—the change of scene, of persons and of in-

terests, which belong to many a less useful and less exalted career. From first to last we see a calm and simple figure—crowned by a face quite angel-like in its serene and rigid beauty—shine before the mental eye:—a few dates and names complete the whole of our biographical material. Nearly all that there is of ordinary human interest in and about Herbert, beyond the picture of the man as he lived and the record of his birth and death, lies in the story and the record of his intellectual work. Criticism here has to take the place of memoir.

Mr. Willmott dwells on the scenes associated with Herbert. How beautiful is the glimpse

we catch of the pastor at his village labours.—

"His pastoral labours were crowded into the space of two years and a few months. Every reader remembers the description of his daily prayer, and how 'some of the meaner sort of his parish did so love and reverence Mr. Herbert, that they would let their plough rest when his saint's bell rung to prayer, that they might also offer their devotion to God with him, and would then return back to their plough,' thinking themselves the happier for the blessing they carried away."

In the pages in which Herbert is made to form a part of the great picture of his time—and where he stands in contrast to or in comparison with the prominent figures of his contemporaries—Mr. Willmott's reading shows itself plea-

santly and unobtrusively :-"Few faces are better known than Herbert's, with its austere sweetness, and the evident marks of inward decline. In person he is described, by Walton, as tall and unusually thin, but cheerful in look, and alwaysattracting friends and strangers by the elegance and the benignity of his manner and address. stands amid a group of English worthies remarkable for their personal and historic interest. The eloquent Donne was one of his dearest friends; he knew the accomplishments of Wotton, and the learned caaccomplishments of worton, and the learned ca-suistry of Sanderson; the first portion of Hooker's wonderful treatise appeared while he was in his cradle; and his childish fancy was enriched by the Essays of Bacon. With Ben Jonson, who survived him about five years, he was likely to be acquainted. Shakspere he had probably seen in some festive interval of Cambridge life; for that illustrious poet did not retire from London before 1611, when Herbert was eighteen years old. In this splendid company of theologians, philosophers, and poets, he wore an expression and a costume of his own. If his Court views had been realized, we might have expected to have seen blended in him Sidney's chivalry and the picturesque foppery of Raleigh. He was only seven years younger than the hero of Zutphen, to whom in temperament he seems to have shown a remarkable

Mr. Willmott's criticism on Herbert's style

is generally delicate. He writes:—

"The language of Herbert cannot be too highly praised—however distant the thought may be, the expression of it is, with very few exceptions, pure, racy, and idiomatic. He had evidently been a living and a constant hearer or reader of Shakspere, whose Plays appeared in his childhood, and were, doubtless, the delight of his eyes during the short summer-day of his courtly hopes, and the frequent subject of talk at Whilton. Many passages might be quoted; but the Shaksperian tone will be recognized in the following:—

How neatly do we give one only name To parent's issue, and the Sun's bright star! A son is light and fruit; a fruitful flame Chasing the father's dimness.

And still more distinctly in the next,—
My comforts drop and melt away like snow;
I shake my head, and all the thoughts and ends
Which my flerce youth did bandy, fall and flow
Like leaves about me, or like summer friends,
Flies of estate and aunshine.

The beautiful phrase \_\_" summer friends "\_\_was introduced by Gray into his Hymn on Adversity. Once more :\_\_

Art thou a magistrate? then be severe: If studious, copy fair what time hath blurred. Redeem Truth from his jaws; if soldier, Chase brave employments with a naked sword Throughout the world. Pages might easily be filled with instances of felicitous words and phrases. In the Poem on Providence we have the 'leaning' elephant, afterwards exhibited by Thomson in his magnificent landscape:

Peaceful, beneath primeval trees that cast Their ample shade o'er Niger's yellow stream, And where the Ganges rolls his accred wave, High-raised in solemn theatre around, Leans the huge elephant."

By way of illustrating what may be called the history of opinion on Herbert's poetry, we will add another graceful and ingenious passage from this estimate of its beauty and its worth. Mr. Willmott savs,—

"His poetical reputation was wider and greater than Milton's. Within a few years twenty thousand copies of the 'Temple' were sold. Cowiey alone outwent him in popularity; one being the laureste of religious, as the other was of fashionable life. The history of his poems is most touching and beautiful. In his last sickness, he presented them to a friend in In his last sixtness, he presented them to a rriend in these words: 'Sir, I pray deliver this little Book to my dear brother Ferrar, and tell him, he shall find in it a picture of the many spiritual conflicts that have passed betwixt God and my soul, before I could subject mine to the will of JESUS MY MASTER: in whose service I have now found perfect freedom; desire him to read it; and then, if he can think it may turn to the advantage of any poor dejected soil, let it be made public; if not, let him burn it, for I and it are less than the least of God's mercies.' The and it are less than the least of sold a mercies. The publication of the 'Temple' produced an immediate impression. Henry Vaughan, whose rough lims abound in touches of a quaint and suggestive fanzy, observes, in reference to the impure verses of the day, 'The first, that with any effectual success, attempted a diversion of this foul and overflowing stream, the blessed man, Mr. George Herbert, whose holy life and verse gained many pious converts; of whom I am the least, and gave the first check to a most flourishing and admired Wit of his time. Herbert belongs to that third Italian school, which was to occupy a chapter in Gray's history of poetry, as he communicated the plan to Warton. It was a school, in his opinion, full of conceit, beginning in the reim of Elizabeth; continued under James and Charles the First, by Donne, Crashaw, and Cleveland; carried the First, by Donne, Crashaw, and Cleveland; carried to its height by Cowley, and ending with Sprat. Herbert was certainly a disciple. Complicated metaphors abound. The poems of that age recall the mechanical contrivances of the eccentric Mr. Winstanley, the first architect of the Eddystme Lighthouse. In his strange abode nothing was what it seemed to be. An old slipper upon the floor it seemed to be. An old slipper upon the floor started into a spectral figure; a visitor resting in a chair, was suddenly embraced with two muscular arms; or sauntering into a summer-house, straightway found himself floating away into the middle of a canal. The poetical surprises of Herbert are sometimes equally unexpected, and it must be confessed, not less ingenious. The reader's eye is perpetually struck with a transformation or a grotesque invention. struck with a transformation, or a grotesque invention. Even the friendly taste of Mr. Keble was offended by the constant flutter of his fancy, for ever hovering round and round the theme. But this was a pecu-liarity which the most gifted writers admired. Dryden openly avowed that nothing appeared more beautiful to him than the imagery in Cowley, which some readers condemned. It must, at least, be said in praise of this creative playfulness, that it is a quality of the intellect singularly sprightly and buoyant; it ranges over a boundless landscape, pierces into every corner, and, by the light of its own fire-to adopt a phrase of Temple-discovers a thousand little bodies, or images in the world, unseen by common eyes, and only manifested by the rays of that poetic sun.
There is in Herbert another sort of quaintness, which
is neither the fruit of his age, nor of his own understanding, but of the authors whom he studied. 'He that reads Mr. Herbert's poems attendingly, shall find the excellence of Scripture Divinity, and choice par-sages of the Fathers bound up in metre.' If James Montgomery had considered this remark of Barnabas Oley, he would have hesitated to see ' devotion itsely turned into masquerade' by the poet. Herbert did not forget to consult, for his outpourings of heart-praise and love, that commonplace book of Greek and Latin theology which the Country Parson is recommended to collect and ponder. Many of his Nº 137

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curiosities of fancy have a Patristic, rather than a poetic ancestry, and are to be sought in Chrysostom of Cyprian, instead of in Donne or Marini. Every true work of art, whether it be of the pencil, the chisel, or the pen, addresses itself to particular sympathies. Of course, there will be a certain outward excellence which the universal taste cannot fail to mderstand and admire. I speak of the inner and the hidden charm. The beauty of Raffaelle's Ma-donna reveals itself very differently to the critic and the worshipper. Milton may be admired by the common reader, for his grandeur of sentiment; but common reader, for his grandeur or sentiment; on it is only through the spectacles of books that the plendour and the loveliness of his visions are clearly discreted. Now, Herbert has, according to his degree, the distinctive peculiarities of Raffaelle and Milton. His sweetness of fancy, his vigorous sense, Mitton. It is sweetness of lancy, his vigorous sense, and his happiness of idiom may be appreciated by all people; just as the grace and the dignity of the picture and the epic come home to the least refined bserver. But there is a remoter and a delightfuller lity, that requires a kindred heart to comprehend Herbert is pre-eminently a poet of the Church; similes are drawn from her ceremonial; his most solemn thoughts are born of her mysteries; his tenderest lessons are taught by her prayers. To a reader without a deep Catholic devotion, he is only the ingenious or the fantastic rhymer; to one who has that feeling, his verses are the strings of a musical instrument, making melody in themselves, and awaking sweet sounds in the hearts of those who hear it. There is a passage in one of Southey's letters that seems very forcibly to illustrate this view. latters that seems very forcibly to illustrate this view. Speaking of Wordsworth, he asks, 'Does he not associate more feeling with particular phrases, and you also with him, than those phrases convey to any one else? This I suspect. Who would part with a ring of a dead friend's hair? And yet a jeweller will give for it only the value of the gold.' This is into the case with Hedrer, His verses are not to just the case with Herbert. His verses are not to be tossed into the scale, and weighed. There is the hair of the dead Friend in the gold."

This is just and to the point. Such editorial love and care as Mr. Willmott has here bestowed on the meditative Herbert—a love and a care that work together and find their inspiration and their restraint in the common principle of Reverence, are what we could desire to see displayed in some other undertakings now in hand. Something may here be left undone, but that which is done, appears to have been conceived and wrought in the true spirit.

Memoirs of Dr. Véron—[Mémoires d'un Bour-geois de Paris]. Par le Docteur L. Véron. Vol. II. Paris, Le Gonet.—Mémoires d'un Bilboquet. Vols. I. and II. London, Jeffa.

THE second book mentioned in the above title, which is intended to caricature the 'Memoirs of a Bourgeois,' is dull enough to make suspicious persons ask whether so clever a manager as Dr. Véron may not have had recourse to the old trick of getting up an opposition to himself, with a view of fixing public attention; and of showing how brilliant he can be, as compared with his dull and inane antagonist. Anything more stupid and more savourless we do not recollect in our experience of French satirical writing. The Bilboquet must tumble into the limbo of discarded toys, and our readers may satisfy themselves that these two volumes will not afford them matter for one instant's

Dr. Véron's second volume is more political in its contents than his first was. Such headin its contents than his first was. Such headings to his chapters as "Monsieur Thiers," "Le National," "Monsieur Decazes," "Monsieur de Villèle," "Monsieur de Martignac," and "Monsieur de Polignac," will whet the appetites of those who fancy that the acquaintance of our Bourgeois with the antechamber and the back-staircases of the public men of France must imply, also, some know-

ledge of what passed in the kitchens where their | sanitary or treasonous measures were cooked, and some notices (to continue the metaphor) of those who turned the spits, and carried up the dishes to set before king or people. But whatever Dr. Véron may have really seen, heard, or tasted—more or less—his reminiscences of the curious company of public men who successively held the reins of govern-ment in Paris are of no great value. His narrative, too, is eked out needlessly;—as, for instance, by a long quotation from Chateaubriand, describing the murder of M. le Duc de Berry. When M. Thiers is the theme, he treats us to a transcript of the Memoir, written by M. Thiers in his "salad days" of "Mistriss George Anne Bellamy," the well-known English actress. Nor is rumour always sufficiently distinguished from personal experience by Dr. Véron. This said, we shall follow the course pursued with the former volume of this work; and paraphrase such passages as may amuse the reader, without any attempt at sequence or connexion

It is a pity that the first chapter, on "The Restaurants and Cafés " of Paris, comes too late for the lively author of 'The Art of Dining,' since there are details in it which might have since there are details in it which might have been turned by him to piquant account. Let us string together a few historical facts.—The first restaurant on Dr. Véron's list, the "Frères Provençaux," dates as far back in its origin as the year 1786, when MM. Barthélemy, Manneilles and Simon established a modest eatinghouse in the Palais Royal. The establishment went on slowly and surely for many a year, "getting a lift" from such customers as "General Bonaparte and Barras,"—who used to dine there before patronizing the neighbouring theatre of Mdlle, Montansier. The first Spanish war, and the influx of generals and officers who used to hold their banquets at the "Trois Frères," brought it into the flood-tide of for-tune. So much as twelve to fifteen thousand francs were the receipts of one day. The Trois Frères, Dr. Véron further tells us, held together and managed their casseroles and their counter

in company for fifty years. Next is named the restaurant of Véry; who arrived in Paris towards 1790 from his native village on the Meuse, in a pair of wooden clogs, at the mature age of thirty, yet who contrived to become a notable cook, to marry a beautiful wife who kept his books, and to leave off business in 1817-enormously rich. Marshal Duroc brought Véry into fashion .- The Café Lemblin throve, about 1814, on its wonderful chocolate, "made by the famous Judicelli," and on the coffee prepared "by Viante, a Piedmontese, who had graduated at Rome," under the head coffee-maker at the Vatican. Choice company assembled there:—MM. Jouy and Ballanche, M. Brillat-Savarin (who had then dreamed of his gastronomic immortality in print), and M. Dupont (de l'Eure), who, stumbling in to drink his demi-tasse one evening, had the romantic surprise of being waited on by a poor cousin of

It was at the Café Lemblin (says Dr. Véron) that the first Russian and Prussian officers who entered Paris in 1815 showed themselves. It was evening, and the café was filled with officers come back from Waterloo, with their arms in scarfs and their helmets and shakes riddled with bullets. The four strange officers were allowed to take their place at a table; but immediately all the world rose, as if seized by the same sudden electric impulse, and raised a "Vive l'Empéreur !" loud enough to break the of feeding and of feasting in Paris.—

Twenty officers rushed towards the four strangers; a Captain of the National Guard, as huge as Hercules, thrust himself before them: —"Gentle-men," cried he, "you have defended Paris without the walls, it is for us to make Paris respected within.

Gentlemen! these are bourgeois of Paris, whom your premature presence here insults,—a bourgeois of Paris calls you to account for it." Lemblin, who was Sergeant of the National Guard, then interposed, and under the pretext of demanding explanations more tranquilly, he ushered the Russians and Prussians into his laboratory [quære kitchen?] and so got them

We pass the Café du Caveau (frequented by the painters during the early years of the cen-tury) and the Cafe de la Rotonde (placed under the presidence of the busts of great French musicians) to an establishment of greater splendour—the Café des Milles Colonnes. This, in 1817, was a sort of faery land, known by reputation throughout Europe, of which the Armida was Madame Romain. Nor did the lady lack a Tasso to sing her sorceries, since one of our sprightly Smiths put them into rhyme whether James or Horace we forget,-though his jingle in praise of "la belle limonadière

still lingers in our memory.—

Fly, fond youth, this Gallic Circe,
Slp one demi-tasse alone;

Love and beauty know no mercy,
Fly, then, fly, the Milles Colonnes.

-Dr. Véron tells us that the divinity of this enchanted region followed the example of other French goddesses. After having queened it on her throne with "a glove of white kid leather" and "a bell of or-molu" for some triumphant years, Madame Romain, after the death of her husband, took the veil and became a nun.

The Cafe Tortoni was aided into vogue by the brilliant billiard playing of one Spolar, an advocate of Rennes, whom "disagreeable circumstances" had driven thence to Paris.—

Tortoni gave this Spolar board and lodging. The Prince Talleyrand and Montrond came to Tortoni's more than once to see Spolar play. The former even made Spolar visit him, and presented him to one of his friends \_a Receiver-General of the departement of the Vosges, who thought himself the mightiest of billiard-players. The Prince backed Spolar,—won 40,000 francs from the Receiver-General. Spolar was, in 1809, named Professor of Billiards to Queen Hortense: he died in 1811.

With such slight gossip as this does Dr. Véron go the round of the restaurants of Paris,—reserving, it may be presumed, the Café Véron for a later volume.—He is also amusing in his reminiscences of the oddities whom he has seen while "cating his terms" in Paris,—and curious enough it is that (as almost always happens with a Frenchman when he sets about culling-not "simples" but eccentricities) the rarest specimens gathered and served up by him are Englishmen. He chronicles, once again, that phlegmatic Briton who, contenting himself with a succinct "Good bye" to our Doctor before making a voyage round the world, satisfied himself with an equally phlegmatic "How do you do?" when, on coming back, he found Dr. Véron in his old place at the same table in the same Café Véry; where the two had parted .- Our Bourgeois is unacquainted with that sharper version of the same tale, which tells how a noble father, sitting at his solitary tea-table, received his son, when the latter arrived unexpectedly after twenty-five years absence in India. "Ah!" said he, "are you there, my boy? Black or green?"—Had Dr. Véron known this well-worn story, we fear it might been woven into his Memoirs among his other exhibitions of the show-Englishman. It has the advantage, at all events, of a more decent show of probability than the following pair of anecdotes, which we give by way of closing the sense and nonsense strung together concerning the haunts of feeding and of feasting in Paris .-

attitudes, flowers, birds\_all finely engraved. He lived at the Hôtel Meurice; and often gave there, to the English, dinners which began at eight o'clock in the evening and lasted till eight in the morning. His father, one of the great fortunes of England, possessed the largest collection of birds there. Like his father, my Englishman had only two passions, wine and ornithology. He asked me one day to breakfast:—nothing was to be had on the table but hard-boiled eggs of the rarest birds, from the partridge to the swan! I breakfasted as one ought to breakfast: \_that is, not at all.

It would be some consolation could we know the name of this Amphitryon so peculiar in his eggs. The other Englishman whom we shall next serve up was more poetical still in his mania.

His fortune (says Dr. Véron) was immense, and he was a bachelor. Life had become oppressive to him; he had not a vice, not a taste, to satisfy. I feared, for one moment, that he was about to confide have found," said he, "an expedient for supporting existence. I have imagined a plan, to work out existence. I have imagined a plan, to work out which will occupy me to the verge of old age. I have had three travelling carriages built, the arrangements of which I myself have planned. I have set myself the task of collecting, in labelled bottles, the water of all the streams and rivers in the world; but I shall have, unfortunately, the pain of dying before my collection is complete."

Enough of such arrant fooling:-which, in truth, was fitter to have figured in the 'Memoirs of a Shuttlecock' than in any work pretending to a veritable literary existence. Yet outrageous as are the above stories, they are hardly more outrageous than anecdotes of our countrymen gravely told by MM. Hugo and Dumas, in their books of Rhine-travel:—or than a table fact with which we were once favoured by a French journalist, to the effect that it was the universal fashion with English ladies to pour brandy into their wine at table, with a view of strengthening the liquor. Steam and the telegraph have not yet brought France virtually much nearer to England,-as the snuff manufactory in Wales, overgrown with a vine, and with a maiden dressed like a Scotch girl for a book-keeper, which so diverted us in M. Scribe's last opera, 'Nabab,' is witness. We hope that Dr. Véron's bow is a little less long when he "draws it" with regard to persons and practices at home,—for instance, when he is sketching his friends MM. Rosman and Gérin, through whose hands he was paid the "secret service money" during the Restoration. These gentlemen, Dr. Véron assures us, grudged the distribution of the treasures of their strong box as violently as Cardillac the jeweller grudged the parting with any trinket that he had finished. To pay cheques to anonymous folk (no uncommon service) was above all things hard. When the secret servant's name was known to these two valuable men, the possession of such information reconciled them to the necessity of doling out his wages. They had their preferences, favourites, influences, too: - Dr. Véron does not add, their pickings .-

They had (says our author) all the tastes and humours of the Parisian bourgeois. They were curious,—greedy of news,—they loved the theatre, and as accountant and cashier of the Minister of the Interior, they had a hold on all the theatres enjoying a subvention. Gerin was a gossip, who would make himself heard; and in crying "economy" at the Minister's ear, he could with one stroke of his pen make an end of five or six actors' pensions.

Our Castor and Pollux, however, could find themselves outwitted sometimes by theatrical folk as keen and ready as themselves. Such a one was that strange man Harel, who for a long time managed the Théâtre Porte St.-Martin,and whose shifts, stratagems, and audacities, in their coarse way, as original and effective

as Sheridan's, furnished in their day many a good story to the lounger on the Boulevard des Italiens .-

Harel (says Dr. Véron) cultivated, body, soul and spirit, the friendship of Gérin and Rosman. He was one of the cleverest at getting into the strong box of the secret-service money. While he was managing the Porte St.-Martin, he went one morning to M. Casimir Périer, then Minister of the Interior, and these were his words :- " M. le Ministre, the question is, the salvation of my theatre and the honour of my name. I have need of ten thousand france."—Casimir Périer had already more than once been the salmir Périer had already more than once been the saivation of Harel's theatre.—"This time," said he, "I cannot bring you through."—"Then I have only to cut my throat."—"Come, M. Harel, make an end of this comedy."—"Tragedy, rather," was Harel's answer.—A barber was shaving the Minister,—Harel answer.—A barber was shaving the Minister,—Harel snatched the razor from his hands; barber and Minister, in horror, arrested the fatal stroke,—and the Théâtre de la Porte St.-Martin was once more

There is perhaps no more saddening and startling entry in the chronicles of modern Paris than is indicated in the word "conspiracy," that oldest of those engines by which "private judgment" has mined in the dark to overthrow "constituted authority," or which "private vengeance" has called into action with the purpose of clearing off old scores. Philosophers may wonder as they please that the much-vaunted intelligence of our time has not disdained to work with tools as dirty and barbarous after their kind as the coercive manacles and instruments of torture employed by despotism; yet conspiracy will continue to mine the under-ground world of France in spite of their won-derment. Never was it (to believe universal report) more secret, more busy, more extensive in its ramifications than after the return of Louis Dixhuit. It was like the plague of frogs in Egypt—in the kneading troughs,—"yea, even in the King's chamber,"—and, of course, in the theatre. The great 'Germanicus' riot may have passed out of the memories of some of our readers, be they ever so full of modern French anecdote, -so that the following paraphrase of one of the liveliest passages in this second volume may be acceptable .-

On the 22nd of March, 1817, the first repre-sentation of 'Germanicus' at the Théâtre Français was the pretext of a bloody political collision. This tragedy was by M. A. Arnault the elder,—who had remained faithful to the memory of Napoleon to the point that, on account of his political opinions, he was excluded from the French Academy and condemned to exile. The Bonapartists had decided on meeting to applaud the play,—a Royalist cabal had been organized to hiss it. The storm which broke out in the theatre had been preceded by an episode sufficiently comic. A short time before the opening of the theatre, a well-appointed particles come down the Paus Pichelium. The carriage came down the Rue Richelieu. carriage came down the Rue Richeleu. The horses had some difficulty in getting through the crowd, it was so dense; presently some persons took them by their bridles and professed to turn them back. The coachman, wearing a nobleman's livery, and resolved to make himself and his house resolved between the resolved to the source of the sou horses respected, began to use his whip right and That instant half-a-hundred canes were raised and let fall on the head and the back of this unlucky driver; he was tumbled off his seat and trodden under foot. The carriage belonged to Mdlle. Leverd, sociétaire of the Théâtre Français, who was on her way to the theatre, in company of a young and brilliant officer of the royal guard; who has now and orillant officer of the royal guard; who has now arrived at the highest dignity in the imperial court and army. Mdlle. Leverd terrified, flung herself out of the carriage, crying out, "Gentlemen, I entreat you; pray forgive it; my coachman is an impudent fellow, whom I will punish. I swear to you that he shall not sleep under my roof to-night," (The poor devil, in truth, slept in a hearits). Mdlle. Leverd west then it the values of roof to-night." (The poor devil, in truth, slept in a hospital.) Mdlle. Leverd was then in the prime of her beauty. The crowd became as generous as it had been angry. A young man of fashion sprung to

the coach-box and took the reins: and every one vied how to make way for the carriage of the actress, who passed on, in the midst of long and loud ap-plause. As to the young and brilliant officer, he shrunk into the smallest compass, in a corner of the carriage, to escape as far as was possible from an ovation so compromising. \* \* The theatre was crammed; the play commenced in the midst of the most solemn silence. Some scenes were applauded; no protest was made against the applause; and the work went to its close without interruption. the curtain fell, many voices called for the author, while as many energetically cried "No! no!" last the curtain rose, and Talma, who had played the last the currain rose, and raims, who mad played the part of Germanicus, after the three usual bows, came forward to the prompter's box, waiting till the clamour should subside. The shouts grew more and more violent. "The author! the author!"—"No! "Down with the canaille !"\_" Down with the Bonapartists!"—"Down with the Jacobins!"—"Down with the Jacobins!"—"Down with the spices!"—"Down with the spices!"—"The rival armies were fairly in the field. At last, Talma, who was an intimate friend of the author, and had still not left the stage, succeeded in making heard this short phrase. "M. Arnault is the author!"—At these words, a positive hurricane broke loose. Blows succeeded insults, — some persons, among them General Jacqueminot, leaped from the balcony into the pit,—a subaltern of the Royal Guard, in uniform, with his sword at his side, drew it to clear a space for himself. Space was cleared round him; but before he could make use of his weapon, a cloak was flung over his head, and he was thrown down and trampled on. The scene then changed to a positive mêlée. \* \* Many fatal duels were the result of that evening.

The same mistrust and turbulence seemed to follow the Bourbons wherever they went, on whatever significant action or ceremony presented themselves. The remains of Louis Seize and Marie Antoinette, when identified with difficulty in the Cemetery of the Madéleine, could not be transferred thence to the royal cenotaph in St.-Denis without their being insulted; as were the relatives who took part in the expiatory procession. This was only nine months after the return of the Bourbons! Shortly after followed the assassination of M. le Duc de Berry, and the attempts to damage the health of his widow, who was left at his death pregnant with the Count de Chambord. Dr. Véron reminds us, that, besides the disorders and crimes alluded to, fifteen Bonapartist and military conspiracies came to light betwixt 1815 and 1830! It might be asked by the philosopher in his closet, whether the "Fusionists" of the hour ever think of these things? whether it occurs to them that as much of hatred towards a certain race may still be smouldering in the Faubourgs and "hunger-holes" of Paris as enthusiasm has proved to exist for the memory of "Le Petit Caporal."—But these are dark and difficult themes. Let us turn from them to an anecdote or two, marking character, ere we close this second volume of Dr. Véron's Memoirs. The first concerns Armand Carrel, who, having joined the revolutionary movement in Spain, in 1823, as one of the Catalonian legion, was taken prisoner by the French army, twice tried by a Council of War, and twice condemned to death, and, on a second appeal, was handed over to a third court-martial at Toulouse. That town. it may be remembered, was Legitimist in its predilections.-

Carrel (says our Bourgeois) was confined in a military prison at Toulouse; and there especially watched, Some devoted friends of his, however, had contrived a plan to secure his escape on the very eve of the day when he was to be brought before the Council of War; their measures, it should be added, having been taken with the full consent of Carrel, to whom it was of such interest to withdraw himself from the chances of a third sentence of death. One of his friends came to acquaint him that everything was ready, and that his escape was to be managed that night, at Council your mir to defend before th how he v shall per this time was his f will be we shall worse," happen. stinacy he was a With land fo Dr. Vé M. de whimsic place be evening Chamb comte," question

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night, at eleven ... "But I no longer wish to go," night, at eleven.— But I no longer wish to go," said Carrel;—" I will appear to-morrow before the Council of War."—" What has made you change your mind?"—" I want to hear Romiguière, who is to defend me, and who has defended all the prisoners before the court so brilliantly. I am curious to see how he will manage the affair so as to get me off. I how he will manage the arrait so as to get me off. I shall perhaps have no other opportunity, and it is a pleasure I wish to enjoy. If I am sentenced to death this time, then we will see."—" But you are mad," was his friend's answer; "if you are condemned, you will be watched with double suspicion, and perhaps we shall not be able to execute the plan, the success we shall not be able to execute the plan, the success of which is sure to-day."—" Ma foi; so much the worse," replied Carrel; "what will happen must happen." \* " Carrel kept his word; and his obtainacy succeeded. He did hear Romiguière, and he was acquitted.

With a tolerably neat specimen of a "Row-land for an Oliver" we will close our notice of Dr. Véron's second volume,—

M. de Martignac once gave me an account of a whimsical scene which at one of his receptions took place betwixt himself and the Abbé de Pradt. The evening before the Minister had spoken in the Chamber of Peers with great success. "M. le Vi-conte," said M. de Pradt (alluding to the speech in question), "I read this morning in the Moniteur what you said in the Chamber last night; really, very good, with an air of benevolent protection. "And I, si," said M. de Martignac, "have, also, this morning been reading the tract that you have done me the honour to send me;—very good, really, very good."

"A tract, M. le Viconte," was the Abbe's rejoinder,
"a handsome book, rather!"—" Pardon me, sir; at Bordeaux we used to call everything a tract that we should not bind!"

For his third volume, Dr. Véron promises us his reminiscences of the last days of the Restoration, and of the "July days of 1830,"—also, notices of his connexion with the Revue de Paris, and with the Grand Opéra.

Supplementary Volume of Shakspeare's Dra-matic Works, containing the Manuscript Notes and Alterations in the Text discovered and published by J. P. Collier-[Ergänzungsband, c.] Translated and arranged by Dr. Julius Frese. Berlin, Duncker; London, Williams

Mr. Collier's discovery, it seems, is already beginning to take effect on the German trans-lations of Shakspeare. The volume now before us is published as a supplement to the standard version by Schlegel and Tieck:—all the alterations in the original text, according to the anonymous Corrector, which have been printed in England, being here translated, and ranged opposite to the passages in the current text to which they refer. The new stage directions are inserted in the Notes at the end of each play. In these Notes, moreover, besides illustrations merely explanatory of the proposed amendments, the editor occasionally, but cautiously, introduces discussions of their value; and considers the objections that have been urged against them on internal grounds by opponents, by Dr. Delius especially. This part of his labours, for reasons already stated in our columns [Athen. No. 1354], may be passed over, —it being sufficient to describe them as generally in favour of the Corrector. His introductory Preface deserves more particular notice.

It is scarcely necessary to observe that the line already laid down as to foreign controversy on the bearing of internal evidence for or against the Collier annotator, does not exclude the view of such discussions of the subject as treat of its bibliographic and historical facts, and of the conclusions which may reasonably be deduced from known premises. This is not an exclusively national province; success being here open alike to all, in proportion to the amount of knowledge possessed, and of ability displayed in its application.

for the use and information of his own countrymen; and in treating of the objections, on presumptive grounds, which have been stated against the admission of Mr. Collier's discovery, he addresses himself wholly to a German critic, Dr. Delius, whose invective against the new "various readings" [see Athen. No. 1354] is the most elaborate and the most ingenious that has yet appeared beyond the Rhine. The local has yet appeared beyond the talling. The zero destination, however, does not affect the gene-ral interest of his essay: its exposition being founded on the basis of materials existing among ourselves, -while the points dexterously raised by Dr. Delius probably exhaust nearly all that can be urged against the Corrector ab externo. After a lucid and brief account of the history

of Mr. Collier's acquisition, and of the evi-dence that has since been obtained respecting the former ownership of the Folio, Dr. Frese describes the nature of its various corrections, gives a succinct view of the probabilities as to their date, and of the sources from whence they may possibly have been derived. This inquiry leads to a general review of the compilation of the current Shakspeare text, as taken from the first folio and the several quartos, and subsequently revised or amended by successive editors:—containing in a moderate compass a fair sketch of its bibliographical history. In the intervals of this summary, the various points advanced by the sticklers for the established text are appropriately introduced, and argued with a force which loses nothing by the moderation of its tone. The following paragraph will give a fair idea of the Doctor's manner .-

In many of his alterations the Corrector agrees with the conjectures of later critics. Collier himself has not merely stated this in general terms, or admitted it for the first time after it had been pointed out by others,—but has, in almost every instance, noted the coincidence in the several respective passages. Delius has completed this collation, and gives the count of the entire number of cases thus identified. According to him, there are 329 passages in which the Corrector coincides with more recent critics:-in these, accordingly, his alterations afford nothing new: -in fact, the greater part of such alterations have long been admitted, with general consent, into the text of the Shakspeare dramas. From this state of the case, Delius proceeds to the deduction, that the value of the Corrector's various readings must consequently be reduced, at the first step, by the sub-traction of these 329, as discoveries that had been already made. Delius's deduction stops here; but the proper deduction itself, by intrinsic necessity, goes further than he has done; it has a second side, and, taken as a whole, in its full force, gives a totally different result. It is, in fact, nothing less than this:

—In the proportion that the coincidence in question diminishes the bulk of what may be gained from the Corrector's labours, in the same proportion does it enhance the value of the remaining portion. A brief explanation will show the justice of this assertion. Criticism on Shakspeare has existed for the last 150 years. From the time when Rowe (in his edition of 1709) made the first scanty commencement, down to the present day, a continual series of the Poet's countrymen (it will suffice to name Pope, Theobald, Hanmer, Warburton, Johnson, Steevens, Reed, Malone, Monck Mason, Dyce) have zealously occupied themselves in attempts to purify the text on critical grounds: \_\_many of their conjectures have been recognized as improvements, and admitted into the text. It is now discovered that 329 of these amendments, the merit of which had hitherto been divided among some dozen of able critics, had already been made, long before them, by a single man. The conclusion is obvious; it completely justifies the assertion above stated; nor could the Corrector's opponents have begun the war against him with a more brilliant denient of the work of the state of the stat admission in favour, either of the critical apparatus to which he had access, or of his own perspicacity, than Delius has done by counting up these 329 passages.

Dr. Frese's Introduction is, of course, designed | with interest. The subject itself comes home to every one who owns a copy of Shakspeare:— and it is pleasing to dwell on a tangible proof of the earnestness and success with which an intimate knowledge of all that concerns our Poet is sought by the studious among our German kinsmen.—The performance, whether its tone or its substance be considered, is highly creditable to the learned editor; and his rendering of the Corrector's alterations may be commended for its distinct indication of their precise bearing on the text.

> Mediæval Popes, Emperors, Kings and Crusa-ders; or, Germany, Italy and Palestine from A.D. 1125 to A.D. 1268. By Mrs. William Busk. Vol. I. Hookham & Sons.

Mrs. Busk writes of the Middle Ages-"those ages of unknown merit," as she says they are equivocally termed by Johannes Müller—after wide and not unprofitable inquiry. The List of Authorities appended to her Preface contains Authorities appended to her relate contains evidence of a course of reading such as few inquirers could produce. She would have derived more credit from her investigations if she had given references to chapter and verse of these authorities, at the foot of the pages in which she has used them.

The period to which the present volume relates is that of Conrad the Third and Lewis the Seventh, of Innocent the Second, Frederic Barbarossa and St. Bernard. Of all these movers in many great events, the last is probably the least known to merely English writers and readers. Mr. Hallam, in his notice of the Second Crusade, could not find room even for the name of its eloquent missionary; and Protestant prejudice, in the in-stance of other writers, has produced the same result as the hard necessity for compression which must have constrained the pen of Mr. Hallam. We are glad to find that in the present work the Saint stands forth in something like the prominence to which he is entitled. No one can doubt that he was a person vastly in advance of his age,—a man as much superior to his contemporaries in his love of justice, his humanity and his kindliness of disposition, as in the fervour of his striking and successful eloquence. Many things compel us to withhold from Peter the Hermit-who first roused the crusade enthusiasm-the admiration which may be yielded willingly to St. Bernard. There were also differences between the two men which sufficiently account for the facility with which the latter was able to raise a second time the banner of the Cross within half a century after the terrible calamities which had resulted from the expedition of his predecessor. Both Peter and Bernard possessed the advantages which may be derived from gentle birth,-but Peter was a man of almost dwarfish stature and in his bodily appearance was contemptible. Bernard, on the contrary, was by no means devoid of the benefits of a comely, although meagre and attenuated person. Bernard's affection for the life of seclusion and contemplation seemed in-born. From his youth, he was remarkable for his love of solitude and the control under which he kept all natural and carnal appetites Bernard was driven from the world by his first encounter with a woman's eye; — Peter sought in succession the gratifications of love, of ambition and of money-getting. Failing in the succession of ing in them all, he betook himself first to the cloister and afterwards to the more exciting life of a pilgrim or religious wanderer. In considering their respective claims to the gift of eloquence, one cannot hesitate to assign the superiority to Bernard. In their appeals to those whom they desired to convert, Peter was bold, daring and unexpulsive. The dissertation altogether may be read daring and unscrupulous. The power of his

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quick, clear eye is commemorated by his contemporaries, and its effect was aided by solemn asseverations of the truth of incidents alleged to have taken place in his own personal expeto have taken place in his own personal experience, which we cannot hesitate to pronounce the delusions of an excited, a fanatical, or perhaps even of a lying spirit. Peter roused the world by a cry—"It is the will of God!" Reason, reflection, truth, policy, morality, mercy—everything gave way before the power of the reiterated exclamation, "It is the will of God!" Represed's appeals were of a totally of God!" Bernard's appeals were of a totally different character. He did not awe kings and emperors into submission to a demand presumed to be of authority preternatural,-he won their hearts, he captivated their affections, he stirred everything that was within them of pity, regret and gratitude, he enchained them by "the cords of a man," and sent them forth to suffer, to conquer, or to die for a cause which he had taught them to love. Another important point of difference between these two men was in their appeals to pretended miracles worked by them or happening to them. Peter declared that he had seen Heaven opened, and had held personal communion with Apostles, Prophets, Saints, and Martyrs, who all con-curred in the cry "It is the will of God!" Bernard disclaimed everything of the kind. True, his followers protested a great deal on his behalf. In the ardour of their posthumous veneration they have not scrupled to assert that wherever he placed his foot the laws of nature wherever he placed in sold the laws of nature stood suspended on his will,—but Bernard made no such pretences. It may be safely said that many of the miracles which were told of him could never have received any sanction from his clear intellect, to say nothing of his unquestionable love of truth. It would, indeed, have been a second miracle—a miracle of infatuation -if Bernard could have sanctioned such nonsense as the pretended miracle worked upon the flies. One of the numberless houses founded by Bernard in damp, marshy spots was pestered with flies. Whilst they annoyed only his followers, the flies were left to be dealt with by natural means. But Bernard came into that country. The flies irreverently pestered his sacred head. We are told that he had recourse to Church censures against them. He excommunicated the flies. The result may be guessed. Happy was it for the few out of the immense myriads of flies whose wings were able to out-speed the swift vengeance of the infallible Church. No one can believe that Bernard either invented or sanctioned absurdities like these. But on this point let us hear Mrs. Busk:

"The most ticklish point in the history of the canonized Abbot must not be evaded. He was believed to work miracles, to heal the sick, the lame, the blind, by his touch, to expel devils, and once to have recalled the dead to life;—must it be added, once by his prayers to have prevented the down-pouring rain from damaging his own writings, which were in his hand. This last absurd story, being recorded, could not with propriety be omitted, but may assuredly be ascribed to the exaggerating fanaticism of some of his silly idolators. As to the excellent Abbot himself, it seems to have required all the asseveration of his worshippers to persuade him that he was so gifted. He always averred a perfect unconsciousness of working a miracle, and seems even to have entertained some vague suspicion of fraud, to judge from one anecdote related of him. It is, that once, as he entered a church dedicated to the Virgin, her image audibly addressed a welcome to him, when he, in the words of St. Paul, roughly rebuked the presumption of a woman speaking in a church. That fraud there was is manifest, though assuredly not on the part of the good and pious Abbot, who evidently believed the wonders he was told that he worked, only through his confidence in the reporters, and his distrust of human reason, when employed upon any sacred question; which, with his tendency

to mysticism, would render him peculiarly open to delusion. Neither need we impute the whole to monastic fraud. Many of the supposed miraculous cures may have been the fruit of the excited imaginations of the patients; when it is natural to suppose that the admirers and the flock of the Saint would lavish such attentions and gifts upon the living proofs of his transcendent sanctity, as might tempt impostors to feign disease and infirmity in order to be miraculously cured. But it must be owned likely that amongst the Cistertians there were men who, when such an idea had been suggested, would not scruple at direct fraud to gain their own ends by exalting their Abbot's frame?"

Peter's power was found in the quick glance of his eye, in the earnest fervour of his daring words, in his pretence of miraculous sanction, in the congeniality of sentiment and prejudice between himself and the rude people whom he addressed, and in the advantage of a popular Bernard was indebted to a sweet voice, a mild and loving nature, a ready, simple, touching, fervent pathos, a universal belief in his honesty, and a courage which enabled him to withstand popular outcry and anti-Christian error. Peter led his followers to the slaughter of Jews and Mohammedans as enemies of the Cross:-Bernard risked his life in defence of the persecuted Jews, and would have had the Mohammedans converted, not exterminated. Peter marshalled on his warriors, in the name of the God of Hosts, to acts not only of extraordinary cruelty, but of dissoluteness, superstition and wickedness of almost every kind. Bernard refused all command, but impressed the kings and people whom he sent forth with a solemn conviction of their duties as soldiers of the Cross. The impression of his honied words was too transient to restrain his enlisted soldiers from egregious crimes, but it evidenced the greater kindness of heart and the more accurate knowledge of Christian principles and duties which animated Bernard as compared

Whoever wishes to study these extraordinary incidents, or to enlarge his views of the state of society during the Middle Ages, may turn with advantage to the pages of Mrs. Busk.

The Russians of the South. By Shirley Brooks. Longman & Co.

Lectures on the History of the Turks in its Relation to Christianity. By the Author of 'Loss and Gain.' Dolman.

Speculations on the Eastern Question. By a Soldier. Stanford.

Another Note on the Turkish Question. Not by Authority, but by the Author. Saunders & Otlev.

Now that the Allied fleets have really entered the Black Sea, and the Russians have really passed the Danube-now that hard blows are seriously expected to be given and received by the armed men who severally represent the ideas and the passions there in conflict-it is a matter of course that our paper knights shall also enter the arena and lay about them with such earnestness as they possess. Here we have four of our doughty combatants a-field. Mr. Shirley Brooks leads the light horse, the party of reconnoissance, into the enemy's country:—and brings report of its strength and its weakness, its virtue and its vice, its plenty and its desolation. A better officer for such service than our dashing, vigor-ous, laughing, indefatigable collector of facts and failings, bons mots and statistics, could not easily have been found.-The "Soldier" is a strategist. Careless of good dinners and good sayings, he is intent only on the several points of defence—the weakness of the present line of frontier dividing Turk from Russ-and on the means by which the Muscovite may be driven back into those Northern wilds and wastes from

which he came and in which alone, as our Soldier thinks, he can be locked fast. The "Lecturer," judging by his airs and his tone of authority, must be a general of division, at least—a literary free-lance—in the service of the Muscovites.—The author of 'Another Note' must be considered as one of the band:—a trumpeter, for he does his spiriting in rhymes and aspires to be the Tyrteus of his cause.

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Mr. Shirley Brooks, as we have said, is a graceful gatherer of such things as serve his purpose and make complete his pictures. In the perusal of his volume, our pencil has left its mark on many a picturesque and striking paragraph; but on re-consideration we believe that it will serve both reader and author better if we enable Mr. Brooks to convey his sharp and vivid impression of the Steppe life of Russia in the story of the serf Demetrius. The tale, as here narrated, was told the author "by a lady who possesses the best authority for the details."

"Demetrius — was born upon the estate of Count —, in Podolia—which, as I have said, is one of the most fertile of the provinces which pour their corn upon Odessa. His mother (one of the handsomest peasants upon the property) and his reputed father were serfs; the former, as far as I can learn, having been a species of village coquette in a region where coquetry has a somewhat more extended signification than among more scrupulous people. It is right to mention this, because I have used the words 'reputed' father, and because the individual currently supposed to have been the father, without the reputation, was a Greek pope or priest of the vicinity. Certainly Demetrius, though unable to free himself from the suspicion of being a child of the Church, lost in after-life no opportunity of professing his distaste for the pedigree thrust upon him. He prospered, however, under the double parentage allotted to him, and grew up, from a favoured, active, mischievous boy, to a smart, powerful, but dissolute and discontented young fellow. The Count, his owner, had taken considerable notice of him, had employed him about his horses, and had gone so far
being himself rather a free-thinker, and wanting a sufficient awe of the traditionary maxim in Russi against teaching slaves—as to cause the young Demetrius to be instructed in reading and writing. But free-thinking, especially if combined with gambling and other exciting extravagances, brings no good; and when Demetrius was about sixteen or seventeen, the Count's estates passed, if not into other hands, under other mismanagement, and the nobleman himself departed to reside elsewhere. The new numster departed to result elsewhere. The law master—who, according to the custom of the country, became possessed of all the authority of his predecessor—was a brutal and avaricious man, who proposed to himself simply to extort as much as he could from the wretched peasantry over whom his purse, which had befriended the Count in his gambler's need, had given him sway. Things became changed—the stern rule sanctioned by law, but which relaxed, was revived—and the serfs began to feel the chain which had hitherto scarcely galled them. Of course, there was nothing to do but to submit; for when a master has the right to flog a man ten times a day, and to send him to Siberia upon the mere condition of paying the expense of his transportation thither, it hardly answers a slave's purpose to com-plain. Among the earliest sufferers was the young Demetrius, who, presuming upon his former favour, presented himself somewhat unceremoniously to the new lord, and obeyed with such ill grace the instant order to betake himself to field labour, that the keen, cruel eye of his master observed his bearing. The report of a servant of the house, who was happy to revenge himself for some mischievous prank played him by the lad, and rather approved by the Count' was not necessary to ensure the result. The master rode his rounds, and very speedily detected Demetrius making some impromptu love at a time when he ought to have been waist deep in wet mud, repairing the side of a dark. the side of a dyke. A merciless flogging was administered to the young man; and, as soon as he was able to crawl, he betook himself to the individual

hom he was certainly entitled to believe his father. But it was not for directions as to the road to Heaven that he proposed to consult him\_a line on which the good man's counsels might have been a little confused, especially late in the evening. But confiding in the air of kindness in which the shepherd usually, when conscious, addressed his sheep, Demetrius ventured to counsel him as to the road to Moscow. And, upon a little cross-questioning, he admitted that he was cherishing a design of escaping from the tyranny of his master, and of finding his way to the second capital of the empire, to seek his fortune. He had some vague idea of discovering a relation of his mother's, who was said, upon the estate, to have settled and become wealthy at Moscow, and who therefore, thought the well-instructed serf, would naturally be rejoiced to see and aid an unfortunate kinsman. Nothing but the exceeding absurdity of such an idea, and the conviction that it could bring only disappointment, would have justified the priest in immediately revealing the intended attempt to the lord. The result of course was, that before Demetrius could be said to be well recovered from his first flagellation, he underwent a second, which pretty nearly deprived his savage owner of the chance of ever rendering such part of his property as was comprised in the bones and sinews of Demetrius available for the purposes nearest to his heart. But a rather curious combination of affairs befriended him while he was lingering, almost hopelessly, under the brutal treatment to which he had been subjected.

"The charms of the village coquette, although that lady was now the mother of a lad of seventeen, had not entirely faded. At all events, her now full-blown attractions had sufficient power to please the coarse taste of her lord, and he—having had opportunity of fully observing her when she came to him, and upon her knees besought (vainly for the time) his forbearance towards her boy-signified his intention of taking her into favour. She became a resident in a cottage near his house, and her fascinations soon extorted from her grim lover an intimation, that if Demetrius chose to behave himself satisfactorily, he should not be again half murdered, for the present. With this charming avenir before him, the youth had nothing to do but to recover his health as best he might, and stifle such feelings as for the time could only interfere with his fortunes. The influence which - gained over her master was very great, as frequently happens in the case of hard, grasping natures, which, callous and oppressive to all else around them, become plastic in the hands of some worthless favourite. Anna, however, does not seem to have exercised her power very unworthily; but, warmly attached to her son, she chiefly devoted her self to the project of purchasing his freedom from his lord. This object was environed by a double difficulty first, that of obtaining the necessary funds; and secondly, of becoming possessed of them in a way which would not excite the suspicion of the keenwitted tyrant himself, who, of course, well knew what chances Demetrius or his mother had of accumulating any considerable sum of money. After this observation, one need scarcely add that Anna proposed to obtain the money by simply plundering her admirer. This was no easy task, but time, vigilance, and caution enabled her to effect it; and little by little she subtracted from the hoards of her master a sum which she relied upon as sufficient for the purchase of her child's liberty. The subject had to be gradually broached, in order to avoid arousing er the suspicions or the ill feelings of the master; but Anna's position gave her many opportunities, and her woman's wit aided her. She prevailed upon her lover to promise the manumission of Demetrius, if he should ever be able to raise a sum not much exceeding that which his mother had already stolen for him; and, this point attained, she paved the way for her lord's reception of a story by which she intended to account for the possession of a portion of the purchase-money. To carry this out she required a confederate, and naturally turned in her need to one contenente, and naturally turned in her need to one who, if scandal were not libel, was at least bound to render her all the aid in his power. She applied to the priest. Now the good man, who had begun to grow old in the practice of all the manifold regueries of his order, had no regular access to the proprietor of the estate, the latter being a Roman Catholic, like great numbers of the lords. He promised his assis.

for him certain pecuniary favours which the master, between his conscience and his cupidity, had hitherto refused to the heretic priest. The compact was struck, and a plan was arranged, materially aided by the inventive genius of the churchman, by which the latter was to be called away to a distant district, and was to return with a legacy left to Anna by a dying friend. The scheme was a good one, but all good schemes do not succeed. Anna confided her savings to her ghostly confidant, who went away with them, and there his assistance in the plot ended, for he never returned. Robbed and deceived in her turn, Anna did not give way to despair. She had determined that her son should be free. While casting about for a new plan of action, she continued to se-crete money, little by little, belonging to her master, over whom her influence increased with his advancing years. Eventually, by dint of continued entreaty, she contrived to extort from her lover his signature to a document which manumitted Demetrius\_but which, as the former stipulated, should remain in his custody until the ransom money, now fixed at a far more moderate price than before, should be paid. The proprietor of Demetrius affixed the signature with seeming reluctance. But such manifestation was mere pretence. He had received from the very hands of Anna, a few days before, a letter which revealed to him the previous portion of the plan. This letter was from the Greek priest, and whether written in mere malice, or whether from that feeling which begrudges to a rival the regards of a woman even for whom one has ceased to entertain a regard, it were difficult to say. Had Anna known or gu at the handwriting-but, unhappily, Anna could not read. Demetrius, being made aware of the existence of the document signed by his owner, proposed to make short work of the rest. But as any step such as was contemplated by the young man would of course have destroyed Anna's position, he was com-pelled to remain passive until her plot could be worked out. It might have been easy for Anna to steal the writing in question; but how could she have exculpated herself, she alone being aware of the contents and value, of which even the witness her master had employed knew nothing? Some time elapsed, and the conspirators seemed no nearer their object, when the lord was seized with a violent illness. It threatened his life, and between its severer periods the old man set himself to the arrangement of his affairs. One night Anna, who watched him with an unwearying eye, saw him take from his strong box the paper of manumission, fold it in a cover, and seal and direct it. He then placed it in his bosom. Her nature, never a thoroughly bad one, warmed towards him at seeing this; for she entertained no doubt but that, contemplating the possibility of his death, he was about to repay her attentions by presenting her with the freedom of her son. Nor was she disappointed. The following day he summoned Demetrius to the bed-side, and placing in his mother's hand the document in its sealed cover, he informed the young man of its nature, and told him that Anna had richly earned it by her fidelity and care. He merely desired that the document might not be used until after his death, which, he truly said, would not detain them long. Demetrius departed, taking with him the precious instrument, and went to his cabin. The joint occupant of that dwelling was a person to whom I have scarcely referred, because nobody else connected with the story seems to have paid much attention to him; this was, however, Anna's husband. The young man, in his exultation, informed his reputed father of the boon which had been bestowed upon him; but the other, who had certainly no great reason to be pleased with the general conduct of his lord, affected to undervalue the benefit, and even to cast doubts upon its reality. His sneers and scoffs so worked upon the mind of Demetrius, that, forgetful of his lord's injunction, he tore open the papers. The contents were a document of manumission, drawn up and attested in the most regular stylethere could be no mistake as to the signature. only defect was in the body of the writing, where was not a blank, which Demetrius could easily have supplied\_but another name than his own\_the name of Gregoire Kuzma—a mere stop-gap, as one might write John Smith or John Doe. Furious with indignation, he rushed back to the house, and

tance in Anna's scheme, provided she would obtain found his mother weeping over the dead body of her for him certain pecuniary favours which the master, master. What could the slave do now? The influence of Anna had been used in vain and was over. She was stupified at hearing the news, but on her son's again examining the envelope of the document all was made clear to her. With the mocking writing, their owner had enclosed the letter from the Greek priest. The mother's resolve had not given way. They retired to her cottage, and for some time lived together until those who had the administration of the estate arrived to take charge of it. The mother and son thought that it was desirable that Demetrius, who, as an able-bodied serf, would speedily be in demand, should avoid meeting his new master. One of those travelling pedlars who form an important means of communication among the slave class in Russia, had, it was observed, spent much time in the cottage of Anna. On the night before the day upon which a general muster of serfs was expected, Demetrius and the pedlar disappeared share of the money which Anna had contrived to scrape together, and, with a solemn promise to his

mother, he departed.

"There is a certain part of the province of Bessarabia, in which the population seems to consist entirely of patriarchs. To visit the vicinity you would not perhaps notice the fact — indeed, appearances are against it; but the books of the Russian police (which, in Russia at least, would be held as conclusive evidence against any wit-ness, oral or written, which could be produced upon the face of the earth) testify that a wonderful number of the people live to unheard-of ages. Never were so many 'oldest inhabitants' got together as in this obscure and seldom traversed district. The Russian newspapers, even, were allowed to remark upon the strange healthiness of the place. Some of the people live to be 100, others to 110, and even 120 and 130. The police, of course, understand the matter, but it is not their business to explain it. In this happy district there lived, previously to the breaking out of the revolution in 1832, a man apparently middle-aged, and named Gregoire Kuzma. Any one who had known the young Demetrius . would have detected a strong likeness between the two persons, if indeed they were two; but it happened that none in the village in which Gregoire lived had enjoyed the advantage of the young serf's acquaintance. It was only known that he had regular police papers, and that, although he certainly did not seem so old by twenty years or so as they described him, that was no business of the police, to whom indeed Gregoire behaved exceedingly well. He so ingra-tiated himself with them, that one day, when a large packet from Podolia arrived by post, and turned out to be a document manumitting Gregoire Kuzma, duly signed and attested, the whole batch of officials were quite radiant in their congratulations-did not invent above half the usual number of unnecessary obstacles in the way of the recognition of the document, nor fleece the fortunate holder out of about twice the amount of fees permitted by law. Such a case of forbearance was quite unknown even in the memory of the oldest inhabitant there. The formalities were completed, and Gregoire Kuzma was a free man. By a curious coincidence, within a few days of the arrival of the manumission, a really old inhabitant, whose name was also Gregoire Kuzma, and whose death had been daily expected for a long time, departed this life. The younger Kuzma was with him a good deal about the time the former first appeared in the place, and certainly paid him money. But to say that the younger man was Demetrius ——, and that he purchased the other man's name and police papers, and thus prepared himself for the reception of his paper of manumission -or to hint that such things are often done, and that a document passed from an old man to a young one unites the periods of two lives, and that when the young one becomes old he must, according to the police books, be very old indeed, and that the officials cannot see such things when pieces of gold are placed before their eyes—would be a series of hasty assertions, founded upon the assumption that the police system of Russia has its weaknesses, which is clearly impossible. One fine morning, some months later, the travelling pediar was again seen at Anna's cottage. Demetrius had redeemed his promise, sending word

to his mother that he was a free man. And the , who had in some measure retrieved his fortune by successes at cards, at which the adventures of his earlier life made him so skilful that many persons were timid enough to refuse to play with him more than once met his former slave in very good society in St. Petersburg, and—must one add it? cheated him sadly at various games of chance and skill. But he will not do so any more, because Demetrius, or rather Gregoire, having been foolish enough to mix himself up with the revolutionary movements of 1832 (in which he distinguished himself by great animosity against all serf-owners who were accustomed to flog their slaves), is at present located in Siberia."

Having tasted the quality of Mr. Brooks's "revelations of Russia," the reader will, we dare say, wish for more:—if so, we will refer him to the "Traveller's Library," Part 53, for the

original from which we quote.

The author of 'Loss and Gain' is a believer in the prophecy which carried the Muscovites to Constantinople last year—in expectation. To him the Moslems are no other than ridiculous barbarians, incapable of improvement and un-worthy of existence. He writes:—

"Nor do we understand the full stress of the dilemma in which they are placed, until we have considered what is meant by the demands and the displeasure of the European community. Pledged by the very principle of their existence to barbarism, they have to cope with civilized governments all around them, ever advancing in the material and around them, ever advancing in the material and moral strength which civilization gives, and ever feeling more and more vividly that the Turks are simply in the way. They are in the way of the progress of the nineteenth century. They are in the way of the Russians, who wish to get into the Mediterranean; they are in the way of the English, who wish to cross to the East; they are in the way of the French, who, from the Crusades to Napoleon, have felt a romantic interest in Syria; they are in the way of the Austrians, their hereditary foes. There they lie, unable to abandon their traditionary principles, without simply ceasing to be a state; unable to retain them, and retain the sympathy of Christendom;—Mahometans, despots, slave merchants, polygamists, holding agriculture in contempt, Europe in abomination, their own wretched selves in admiration, cut off from the family of nations, existing by ignorance and fanaticism, and tolerated in existence by the mutual jealousies of Christian powers as well as of their own subjects, and by the recurring excitement of military and political combinations, which cannot last for ever! And, last of all, as if it were not enough to be unable to procure the countenance not enough to be unable to procure the countenance of any Christian power, except on specific conditions prejudicial to their existence, still further, as the al-ternative of their humbling themselves before the haughty nations of the West whom they abhor, they have to encounter the direct cupidity, hatred, and overpowering pressure of the multitudinous North, with its fanaticism almost equal, and its numbers superior, to their own; a peril more awful in imaginafor so many centuries foretold and commenced, and of late years so widely acquiesced in as inevitable. Seven centuries and a half have passed, since, at the very beginning of the Crusades, a Greek writer still extant, turns from the then menacing inroads of the Turks in the East, and the long centuries of their triumph which lay in prospect, to record a prophecy, old in his time, relating to the North, to the effect that in the last days the Russians should be masters of Constantinople. When it was uttered no one knows; but he tells us it was written on an eques-When it was uttered no one trian statue, in his day one of the special monuments of the Imperial City, which had one time been brought thither from Antioch. That statue, whether of Christian or Pagan origin it is not known, has a name in history, for it was one of the works of Art destroyed by the Latins in the taking of Constantinople; and the prediction engraven on it bears at least a remarkable evidence of the congruity in itself, if I may use the word, of that descent of the North upon Constantinople, which, though not as yet accomplished, generation after generation grows more probable."

Our "Soldier" is certainly not of one opinion with the prophet. He would drive the Russians into the Steppe-reclaim Bessarabia and the Crimea—give the line of the Danube to Austria, Poland to the Poles, Finland to the Swedes, Lombardy to Sardinia, and the Caucasus to Turkey. The author of 'Loss and Gain' would Turkey. The author of 'Loss and Gain would dismember the empire of the Sultan—the "Soldier" that of the Emperor:—both for the same reason, the preservation of the peace of Europe. If any of our readers like to amuse themselves with the game of making out a new map of Europe, here are materials for the play in plenty.

The Legendary and Poetical Remains of John Roby, Author of 'Traditions of Lancashire,' with a Sketch of his Literary Life and Character. By his Widow. Longman & Co.
Mr. Roby's 'Traditions of Lancashire' owed

their success to their choice of subject, and to the costly and decorated manner in which they were produced at a period when romances by "the Great Unknown" himself were coarsely printed on common paper. The tales themselves are wild, inflated, over-wrought, — having more showy pomp than real power, and their writer gained only a coterie reputation as a novelist. Nevertheless, Mr. Roby's life, if judiciously and characteristically treated, should have made an agreeable and an interesting book. He was born and educated among stern Dissenters,— yet his taste for poetry, painting, music, drama would break through the trammels of sect and ordinance. He was a man of business and a keen accountant, possessing that clearness of head in arithmetical operations which, when exhibited on the platform of a lecture-room, produces results almost as strange as sorcery,—yet he was eager in the cultivation of more "joyous to adopt the old minstrel phraseology. Further, the passing mention of Haigh Hall, and Rivington Pike, and other Lancashire localities reminds us that Mr. Roby's lot was cast in a neighbourhood, the Squirearchy of which was not, (at least in his early days) particularly well disposed to

sneak to a commoner and poet.

Only a few years before Mr. Roby's time, had lived at that very Haigh Hall the genial and cheerful Lady Bradshaigh, whose sentimental and semi-anonymous correspondence with Ri-chardson makes such a pleasant episode of dowsger romance in the life of the author of 'Clarissa,'—but who felt herself so seriously perilled in the estimation of her country neighbours by her pleasant friendship, that when she hung up his portrait on her walls she thought it "least conspicuous" to pass the picture off as the likeness of Mr. Dickenson, "a friend of Sir Roger's." Whatever, then, may have been the intrinsic merits of Mr. Roby's works, the circumstances of their parentage and production, had they been rightly turned to account, would have given flavour and individuality to the story of his life. But not a dream of such comparisons, views of society, &c. has visited his biographer. Her marriage with Mr. Roby (his second mar-riage) took place so lately as 1849, and in illustrating his life and character as much space is given to the brief remaining period after this second marriage as to the earlier years of his life, which began in 1793. Further, so insufficient has been Mrs. Roby's store of knowledge and materials, that she has had recourse to private letters written by herself and to details of her own feelings during and after the shipwreck which ended Mr. Roby's life to make up her record. The hand of self-illustration is too clearly to be writer to verses by the departed.—This brings us to speak of the "Remains,"—which consist of

poetry, the reprint of a tragedy, 'The Duke of Mantua,' and a few legends in the style of the "Traditions," one of which we recollect to have met in a local annual, called 'The White Rose of York.

### OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

The Cardinal. By the Author of 'The Duchess,' The Cardinal. By the Author of 'The Duchess,' &c. 3 vols. (Bentley.)—It has long been the custom to adapt French dramatic pieces, divesting them of their objectionable incidents, for the English stage; it will very shortly, no doubt, be considered equally justifiable to adapt whole works of fiction. We had scarcely taken up 'The Cardinal,' ere we began to feel ourselves in company with which we were tolerably familiar, and indeed one which we were tolerably familiar, and, indeed, our first impression was that we were reading a translation. By degrees, however, it became evident that the writer had drawn from various sources that the writer had drawn from various sources scenes, incidents, and characters, altering them all, it is true, with some skill, and arranging them into a tolerably interesting narrative. The idea of 'The Cardinal' was evidently suggested by the 'Princesse des Ursins,' of M. Alexandre de Lavergne. The latter relates the details of a conspiracy to overthrow the celebrated Camerera Mayor, carried on by a young French nobleman, named Gondreville;—the former is also an elaborate development of a conspiracy, directed, however, against Cardinal Alberoni by a young Englishman, named Clifford. The chief incident of the two narratives is the surreptitious entrance of the hero
—Gondreville or Clifford—into the house of a nobleman just at the moment when a plot is under discussion for the overthrow of the favourite for the time being,—in one case the Princesse des Ursins, in the other Alberoni. Of course, both Englishman and Frenchman are running after the same lady,—Thérèse rel Inez,—and of course both are discovered. The infuriated parent imme-diately condemns the prisoner to the block; but the Englishman is kept much longer in suspense than the Frenchman, and is actually about to be decapitated when in rush soldiers, who arrest the nobleman and liberate the intriguer. The best of the matter is, that Clifford and Gondreville are working precisely for the same end as the father of the beloved one; and it is never satisfac-torily explained why they do not cordially unite. The French novel goes over much more ground than the English one. The latter is more deve-loped; but both end in the overthrow of the favourite and the marriage of the diplomatist with Inez, or Thérèse. The author of 'The Cardinal,' as we have hinted, has gone to various sources for his facts; and even where we cannot trace his authorities, we are led to imagine that he is hastily translating or adapting, by the frequent occurrence of such phrases as the following:—"But how many have succeeded? It is success and not failure that is the rule: "—meaning, of course, precisely the contrary. Here is another amusing instance of the same kind of inadvertence:—" Poor Thérèse the same kind of inadvertence:—"Poor Thérèse blushed deeply, and even her more unsophisticated lover coloured to the temples,"—"Ah, crue," is evidently a straightforward rendering of "ak, cruelle!"—and the whole scene in which it occurs (the interview of the priest Di Castro with Donna Violante) has a French character. We must not forget to mention that the author of "The Cardinal" has made a patient study of Stendhal's famous romance, 'La Chartreuse de Parme;' and the interview of Therese with the King and the escape of Clifford from Segovia strongly remind us of two of the most vigorous scenes in the French two of the most vigorous scenes in the French work. In conclusion, we must say that, although by this method of "adaptation," a certain amount of amusement may be afforded to a very new and inexperienced public, a book constructed on the principle of 'The Cardinal' does not belong to literature; and that if we are to be presented with such rifacciamenti, instead of with original works, it would only be fair to state the fact in the preface.

The Slave Son. By Mrs. William Noy Wilkins. (Chapman & Hall.)—There is much in "times and occasions." The world of novel readers is, naturally, somewhat weary of black fiction; but had

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Mrs. Wilkins arrived with her cargo of horrors before Mrs. Stowe appeared, 'The Slave Son' might have made "a great sensation:" since it is a powerful, pathetic and terrible tale of Trinidad, exhibiting incidents of even a darker cast than those disclosed in 'Uncle Tom's Cabin.' The those disclosed in Uncie rom's Cabin. The workings of the "Obiah Spell," or those insidious practices of slow poisoning by which the degraded and persecuted race took such fearful revenge on the white man-are wrought up, together with the incidents of a negro revolt, so as to create an interest inevitably repulsive, because of its strength. Mrs. Wilkins does not relieve her picture of the atrocities of the slave system by any touches of such light humour as were thrown into the abyss of gloom by Mrs. Stowe's introduction the abysi of gloom by Mrs. Stowe's introducion of the quaint, elvish and malicious Topsy. Our doubts as to any permanent good likely to be effected by enlisting imagination in the cause have been already stated; but the novel reader who does not object to tragedy of that coarse order. does not object to tragedy of that coarse order which borders on melo-drama, will find in 'The Slave Son' excitement enough to content him,— supposing him to read merely for excitement's sake, and not with any secondary philanthropic

The Sister of Mercy: a Tale for the Times We Live In, (Houlston & Stoneman,) is a tale written to prove that the Sisterhood of Mercy is, virtually, a most unmerciful association, devised by unfeeling priestcraft for the subjugation of morbid, feminine feebleness and vanity. We leave it to be answered by "ye Superior" of any body of Anglo-Catholic

nuns or nurses.

Being Analytically Described. By John Richard Pickmere. (Chapman.)—That Mr. J. R. Pickmere desires this enormous volume to be extensively desires this enormous volume to be extensively read may be inferred from the fact, that it is for-mally dedicated "to all persons of high public trust and authority, legislative or executive, of whatever nation;" but while we duly appreciate his zeal for the diffusion of those truths which he believes he has discovered, we cannot refrain from the opinion, that a little pilot-balloon, in the shape of a concise summary, would serve better to introduce an unknown philosopher to the world than a portly book containing nearly 700 quarto pages. Moreover, we are not at all convinced that even the most ardent seeker after metaphysical lore will desire to proceed any further, when the following grim paragraph greets him on the threshold of the first chapter:—"Power is always essential to the existence of any individual, however seemingly impotent the individual may be. Thus a grain of sand is seen by its varying the direction of rays of light, is felt, and excludes the atmosphere by its further resistance; and it is passive in its gravity, from which passiveness, in case of its being dropped, arises an instance of its action of motion. All which resistances and motion are actions of its power, and the passiveness belongs to its power; and though it may be neither thus nor otherwise acting on matter, it is neither thus nor otherwise acting on matter, it is still a power which may act on occasion. Were there supposed to be a being having of itself no kind of power, spiritual or material, but merely visible in perfect darkness to a supposed being, wholly spiritual, and enabled to see without eyes wholly spiritual, and enabled to see without eyes or light; and, also, were such visible being not to have the power of affecting, for other mode of visibility, the direction of the rays of light, when it was in the light," &c. We stop short; and if our readers are curious about the further fortunes of the being that is "merely visible in perfect darkness," and the other being that looks at it "without eyes or light," we refer them to the work itself work itself.

Hyperidis Orationes duæ, ex Papyro Ardeniano editæ, post Ch. Babingtonem. Emendavit et Scholia adjecit F. G. Schneidewin. (Williams & Norgate.)—The singular recovery of one entire Oration of Hyperides and part of another, by Messrs. Arden and Harris, is within the recollection of our readers. Not long since a very beautiful fac-simile of the papyrus brought from Egypt by Mr. Arden, was published at his expense under the able editorship of Mr. Churchill Babington; who formed from the control of Mr. it a text, prefixed an interesting account of Hy-perides and the MS., and supplied critical notes.

The author of the present edition,—unlike another continental scholar,—gives Mr. Babington his due meed of praise for the fidelity, scholarship, and skill displayed in the execution of his unusually difficult task. He acknowledges that our countryman showed superior ability in decorrecting the letters, filling up the chasms, and correcting the corrupt passages; that he was indefatigable in his examination of the portions which were partly or wholly obliterated, using instru-ments to detect the slightest traces that might be left; and that he generally succeeded in discover-ing the meaning of the orator, if not his exact words. He also pays a tribute of commendation to the learning and judgment evinced in the notes. Nevertheless,—as is natural enough in a case of such peculiar difficulty, and admitting so wide a diversity of opinion,—he thinks that many readings are open to objection, and capable of improvement. On this account, as well as for the sake of supplying his countrymen with a much cheaper edition than the English one, he has undertaken to revise the whole, accompanying it with various readings and scholia. Such is the history of this edition, which is a valuable contribution to classical literature and a worthy appendix to Mr. Babington's labours.

The Sea-Weed Collector's Guide, by J. Cocks, M. D. (Van Voorst,) contains instructions for preparing and drying sea-weeds, by an old collector. To those who reside by the sea, or visit it occasionally, this will be found a useful volume, as few natural objects are more difficult to preserve than sea-weeds unless a few plain rules are put in force. Dr. Cocks's book includes also a sketch of the structure and functions of these plants, and a list of all the species that are found in Great Britain. As an introduction to the more complete works of Dr. Harvey on the sea-weeds, it will be

found also valuable.

Books for the Young and Children. — The
Sunshine of Greystone: a Story for Girls, by E.

J. May, (Binns & Goodwin,) is a well-written tale, showing the rise and progress of virtue in a girl originally faulty, who is made perfect by being sent to an Evangelical boarding-school at being sent to an Evangencal boarding-school at Bath. The story is as overstrained as those very High Church histories edited by the Rev. Mr. Sewell, against which we have often protested.—
The Little Duke, or Richard the Fearless, (Parker & Son.) is an old-world chronicle thoroughly to our liking, by the Author of that popular book, 'The Heir of Redclyffe.' So much manly health, life and worker words it that few persons. 'The Heir of Redclyffs.' So much manly health, life and poetry pervade it, that few parents and guardians, who glance at its pages before giving them to "the boys," will be able to leave the book till they have read it from beginning to end.—John Railton, or Read and Think, (Routledge & Co.) is a "useful knowledge" story for children,—showing how the "young idea" may be developed and enriched by paternally encyclopædic conversation. John Railton, it must be ob-served, is as skilful a cross-questioner as though he gave the reply in one of Pinnock's Catechisms. What is more serious, John Railton's father is willing to talk of things of which he is ignorant, as may seen in his harangue on "Music" (pp. 290-1, &c.) When we remember "Harry and Lucy," we may not give wholesale dispraise to the Lucy," we may not give wholesale dispraise to the didactic manner of smuggling in Instruction under the holiday-robes of Play:—but 'John Railton' is enough to justify a lively protest against all conjurors, who, not having the humorous heart or knowledge of the Edgeworths, still attempt the feat.—Mabel Grant, by Randall H. Ballantyne (Nisbet & Co.) though entitled a "Highland Story," owes its interest to the few very well-known German legends with which its pages are known German legends with which its pages are interspersed. — Little Ferns for Fanny's Little Friends, by the Author of 'Fern Leaves from Fanny's Portfolio, '(Cooke,) will please those whom the "Fern Leaves" pleased; since the child's book has the same smartness, the same want of refinement, and (to our thinking) the same unreality as distinguished its predecessor. It is cleverly illustrated by Mr. Birket Foster.—Another American book for children, and one to our liking, is *The Christmas Stocking*, by the Author of the 'Wide, Wide World,' &c. (Nisbet & Co.)

The introduction to this miscellany of little tales is very nearly as fresh, quaint, and kindly as if Herr Andersen had written it: the stories that Herr Andersen had written it: the stories that follow bear out the tone and taste of the introduction.— Summer Hours, by Lady Lees, with II-lustrations by the Same,—Effe's and the Doctor's Tales, by a Lady, with Illustrations by the Same, (Darton & Co.) are written for young children in a graceful, poetical and devotional spirit, entitling them to a place on the shelf which holds the little books by Carová and Barbauld;—but they appeal too, to the elder world, on the but they appeal, too, to the elder world, on the score of the illustrations with which they are bedecked by Lady Lees. We were already acquainted with her poetry and grace as an amateur designer :

which her poetry and grace as an amateur designer; here they are once again agreeably put forth.

Our list of recent reprints, translations, and new editions includes—a revised edition of The Pictorial Book of Ancient Ballad Poetry of Great Britain, with new matter and a more complete arrangement with new matter and a more complete arrangement of the old materials,—Remarks on the Employment of the Natives of Kreuznach, by Dr. Sieveking, from a medical contemporary,—a translation of Prof. Wöhler's Handbook of Inorganic Analysis, edited by Dr. Hofmann,—The Laws of Cholera, reprinted from the Times, with supplementary matter,—a third edition of Mr. Sidney's Three Colonies of Australia,—The Course and Tendency of History since the Overthrow of Napoleon, being a new translation of Prof. Gervinus's work by Dr. Sernan, intended to show that the translation published by Mr. Bohn of Prof. Gervinus's work by Dr. Sernan, intended to show that the translation published by Mr. Bohn "is a complete caricature of the original,"—A Dozen Ballads for the Times about Church Abuses, reprinted from the Daily News,—the January impression of Gardiner's Royal Blue Book for 1854,—a nicely printed translation of Cervantes' Wanderings of Pericles and Sigismunda,—a translation, ably executed by Dr. B. Paul, of Unger's Botanical Letters,—and a reprint, from 'The Annals of Natural History,' of a paper, by Mr. Higginbottom, On the British Tritons.—In "Bentley's Railway Library" we notice the appearance of Madama Raven's The Two Brothers; or, the Family that lived in the First Society, with her name on the title-page, where it ought to have been at first.—Messrs. Routledge & Co. have opened their Bulwerventure—the conditions of which we lately communicated to our renders—with a reprint in their venture—the conditions of which we lately communicated to our readers—with a reprint in their "Railway Library" of Pelham, to which is prefixed a laudatory "Life" of the novelist and a rather strong "puff direct" of the works in which the publishers have purchased a certain right of property.—As additions to the "Parlour Library" we have Mr. Daniel's Scottish Heiress,—and Mr. James's Arabella Stuart,—Mr. Bohn has added to him (Strandard Library" Gürk's Novels and Tales Sames s Arabetta Stuart.—Arr. Donn has added to his "Standard Library" Göthe's Novels and Tales, translated by Mr. Boylan,—to his "Illustrated Library" Mrs. Howitt's Pictorial Calendar of the Seasons,—to his "British Classics" the first volume to be completed in four volumes—of a new edition of Bishop Hurd's Works of Joseph Addison,—and to his "Classical Library" a first volume of the Oxford translation of Tacitus, containing the "Annals."translation of Tacitus, containing the "Annals."—Mr. Cockton's Stanley Thorn has been added to Bentley's "Railway Library."—We have before us the second quarterly part of the re-issue of Dr. Hanna's Memoirs of Chalmers,—the first volume of Mr. Charles Knight's new edition of Shakspeare, with the attractive title of The Stratford Shakspeare,—a reprint from the (Asphach. ford Shakspere, - a reprint, from the 'Archæological Journal, of a paper by Mr. Hussey, On the Cure of Scrofulous Diseases attributed to the Royal Touch,—Mr. Morris's paper on National Adult Education, read before the members of the British Association at Hull,—a second edition of Mr. Adderley's little volume, An Essay on Human Happiness,-the first volume of a new and convenient edition of M. Thiers's History of the French Revolution,—the third and fourth volumes, com-pleting the work, of Cooke's edition of The Writings of Alexander Pope, - and a reprint from the Edinburgh Review of an article entitled Church Parties, a racy and vigorous essay, full of know-ledge, anecdote, and sarcasm.—Mr. Francis Cross's Hints to all about to Rent, to Buy, or Build House Property,—and Prof. Phillips's Guide to Geology,— have both run into a fourth edition.—Volume IV. of Messrs. Chapman & Hall's edition of Sir E. B. Lytton's Poetical and Dramatic Works has ap-

eared; it contains the 'Duchess de la Vallière, peared; it contains the 'Duchess de la Vallière,'
the 'Lady of Lyons,' and 'Richelieu.'—Mr. Cooke
has given us a translation of the seventh German
edition of Krummacher's Parables, with forty
illustrations.—A second edition of The Cross versus
the Creacent has appeared,—and we have received
from the Messrs. Black of Edinburgh Vol. XX.
of their new library edition of "The Waverley
Navels."

### DESIGNS ON THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

WE are half inclined to alter the title of this article, as expressing only a portion of that alarming truth—as indicating only a part of that peril of the public purse—to which it has been our desire to draw attention ere the mischief was consummated. We have found reason to believe that the "designs" extend beyond the walls and porticoes of the British Museum. Many reports on the subject reached us-reports which sounded like the fantasies of Eastern fable rather than prosaic the natuses of Eastern habe rather than prosaic renderings of an actual scheme. Until we saw the plans we did not—could not—credit the reports. When we saw them, we examined them with startled curiosity,—and pronounced an opinion on their merits and morals with the natural emphasis of surprise and indignation. The plans them shown to us were confined to the Museum; but every day and hour that has elapsed since we first broke silence on the subject, only serves to confirm the rumour that had no one interfered in favour of common sense, public economy and the neces-

sary logic of the position, there were to have been in connexion with these Museum changes other changes, alterations and adaptations, including, among other things, the remodelling or rebuilding of the National Gallery at Charing Cross! Just enough, as it appears, was to have been carried to, or left remaining at, the Museum by our ingenious speculators, to excuse—we cannot say to justify—the expenditure of some two or three hundred thousand pounds. The scale of the proposed alterations may be judged by the fact, that professional men differ in their rough estimates of the probable cost of making those at Great Russell Street alone as much as 150,000L; and we, who are not professional, have little doubt but that the expense to the public would have exceeded the highest estimate of the architects by a goodly sum. Then estimate of the architects by a goodly sum. Then, on the other hand, the scheme—of which this Museum undoing and re-doing was only a section
—contemplated the removal from Great Russell
Street of so much of the National collection as would serve to excuse a like outlay somewhere else. The National Gallery at Charing Cross being by this time vacant, there was here a third very choice site and subject for ingenious architectural speculation.

In the midst of these airy and fairy schemes— these paper palaces, colonnades and halls, it may be as well to look at the literal facts in the centre of which it is desirable that ingenuity and speculation should be induced to survey themselves. A Committee of the House of Commons, after an impartial and laborious inquiry, has decided that a part of the collection now in the British Museum ought to be removed—and the recommendation of this Committee that a Commission should be or this Committee that a Commission should be appointed to consider the propriety and feasibility of bringing together into one building, or into contiguous buildings, the whole of the Art treasures of the nation, will in a few days be laid before Parliament. Simple-minded people might have fancied that such a fact—patent to all— would have put a stop for a month or two at least to speculation. The wildest dreamer in the realms of day might have thought it necessary, before he suggested a large expenditure of public money in adapting the Museum to any purpose, to wait until he knew what Parliament thought on the subject—what the House of Commons should decide as to its final destination. At present, no one knows which collections are to be retained and which removed. Sir Charles Barry, however, is not disposed to wait. Parliament is nothing to him. He—or his "Government" employer pays not the slightest attention to the suggestions of the Committee, to the reason of the case, or to the observations of outsiders. The urgent necessities of the literary department having forced themselves on the attention of the public and the "Government," he proceeds to examine, and reports, as we understand, an equal pressure on the present space in every department. A case being thus made out for alterations and improvements, Sir Charles submits extensive plans for constructing, re-constructing, re-arranging, and so on, to the extent of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds, as he himself estimates, or as others say, to the extent of three hundred thousand pounds. We need not enter into a minute examination of We need not enter into a minute examination of all these proposed changes. The question before us is not a question of details but of principles. Nevertheless, as showing the sort of logic which our accomplished architect brings to the discussion

of his several points and proposals—we may ob-serve that notwithstanding the assumed equal and urgent requirements of all the departments of the Museum which is the foundation of Sir Charles's speculations, we find him, according to our reading of his scheme, obtaining relief from the present overcrowding of the Library, by more closely packing together some of the Antiquities. There can be no doubt that by such a contrivance as a little closer packing in one room more space may be obtained in the next—more still would be obtained by consigning these Antiquities to their original cases, and either stowing them away with the osteological specimens in the under-ground cellars,

find this clever and ingenious architect,-after a find this ciever and ingenious architect,—aner a proposed expenditure on his own report of 150,000l, driven to the necessity of finding room for one de-partment by bidding another stow away its costly partment by bidding another stow away its costly treasures into a narrower space! We remember to have seen some measurements, made two or three years ago for quite a different purpose, which proved that in the space at present allowed to visitors, it was impossible for the public even to see the friezes and upper ornaments of some of the monuments which have cost the country so much money—because they were already so closely packed

A central hall, obtained by covering in the great quadrangle—an open well, left, we take it, by the original architects for air and light—figures as a prominent feature in all the plans which we have seen. With Sir Charles this hall is a grand have seen. With Sir Charles this hall is a grand architectural affair; its paper proportions read wondrously fine—320 feet by 230, and 120 feet high!

As to any fear lest the new hall may prove an obstruction of the light to all the surrounding obstruction of the light to all the surrounding rooms,—that, we are assured, is a mistake. By means of a glass roof, Sir Charles somehow or other proposes, as we believe, positively to increase the light. By and bye Sir Charles may push this brilliant theory yet a little further. Following out this original idea, we submit for consideration whether, if the glass were made a little thicker and a little less transparent than usual, it might not help us through every darkness and difficulty. We may even live to see our architect rival the hitherto unrivalled Una, making "sunshine in a shady place." We have heard of catching larks by bits of glass; but we doubt if there be enough, even in 320 by 230 feet of it, to entrap a nation so hard-headed and prosaic as the English into admiration for the proposals of our very ingenious architect. To obtain the surpassing grandeur of this great hall, Sir Charles proposes to lower the great quadrangle some eight feet. We doubt if this part of the scheme will meet with the approval of the old, the infirm the halt and the lame, who must first ascend a dozen steps to get into the Entrance Hall, and then descend five-and-twenty at least to get into the new and improved grand feature of the Mu-seum, Sir Charles's Hall of Antiquities.

The simple reader will perhaps ask gravely and doubtingly, can such things as these be seriously proposed by serious men? We say Yes—and others even more odd and visionary and dream-like. For instance, the great and urgent inconvenience felt at the Museum is, as we have said, the want of space for books and readers in the Library and Reading Rooms. At this point of his design, Sir Charles surpasses himself—he can and will, he says, Charles surpasses himself—he can and will, he says, remedy all wrongs without subjecting the public to the slightest inconvenience. The wand of Harlequin is nothing to the wand of the architect. Great as are the changes proposed by Sir Charles, they can all, it seems, be effected in the intervals of holidays and closed days, without depriving us of the use of the Reading Room for a single hour—no, not for a single hour. To judge by the holidays, the time is infinitesimal—a mathematical point—a something less than nothing. The holipoint—a something less than nothing. The holi-days at the Museum consist, as we believe, of one week at Christmas—another week in the autumn —and two odd days, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. These holidays, of course, are not play-days; they are for general purification, arrangement and re-arrangement. That, however, concerns the officers of the Museum alone; let us see what our wonder-worker proposes to effect for the public. There must be, we think, from one hundred and thirty to one hundred and fifty thousand volumes to be removed out of the Reading Rooms and Service Rooms and re-arranged; five or more of the main walls of these rooms are to be pulled down and some new walls erected; in one or other of these rooms a mezzanine story is to be built; in another a gallery; the staircases are to be removed alto-gether and others built—and all this is to be done during the no-holidays, without inconvenience to by consigning these Antiquities to their original cases, and either stowing them away with the osteological specimens in the under-ground cellars, or turning them into the adjacent street. What an idea we obtain of the existing difficulties when we body is Charles fort and about li to put ti that the labours These really he tion of voice of the proj question ought to required

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consi ancie of w antic It m body is to be incommoded. We fancy that Sir Charles must have peculiar theories about com-fort and discomfort, convenience and inconvenience—as original, perhaps, as are his theories about light. Thus, if we mistake not, he proposes to put the transcribers into the book-binders' room, that the one, we suppose, may pursue their silent labours to the eternal beat-beat of the other.

These proposals are a little too strong. We really hope that the Press will look into this question of useless expenditure,-and interpose the voice of the millions whom it represents to arrest the project in time. It is not very unreasonable to ask that the hands of even the cleverest of architectural speculators may be stopped, until the abstract question shall be decided as to what the Museum ought to contain, and therefore what space will be required for its due lodgment and preservation.

### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

THE deadly malaria, which makes Paganico, my last night's quarters, uninhabitable for half the year, is not, as I learnt during the evening I spent there, the sole, though it is doubtless the principal, cause of its utter desolation. It seems that the town and almost the whole of the surrounding district was erected into a marquisate and bestowed on an ancient Siennese family of the name of Patrizi. This race became extinct in 1747 in the person of the Marquis Patrizio Patrizi, and the vast but little profitable estates passed to the Roman branch of the same family. Under a foreign and absentee landlord, of whose property these miser-able valleys formed but an unimportant, unprofitable, and remote portion, the condition of the district went rapidly from bad to worse,—so that the greater part of the cultivable lands are now thrown out of culture. And that such a state of things increases the malaria, the universal experience of all the districts similarly affected places beyond doubt. Thus one evil plays into the hand of the other, as it were, and the ruin and hopelessness are rendered complete.

From Paganico to Grosseto, the country is less beautiful than that which I described in my last letter. But a little to the left of the road, about four miles before it reaches the latter town, is the site of one of those wonderful remnants of a perished time and nation, which make the despised Maremma a classic land to the antiquary and ethnologist; and prove to the social inquirer and economist that the condition of this coast in far distant ages must have been widely different from that in which we now see it. About five miles from Grosseto the road descends, immediately below the village of Batignano, from the last of the hills, among which it has been winding, into the flat alluvial plain in the midst of which that city stands. In the distance, about ten miles off-about five, that is to say, beyond Grosseto—is the blue Mediterranean with the sun glancing sleepily on it. In the midst of the plain is the trim little town tightly bound round by its complete circuit of modern walls, neatly built of brick and in good repair, striving to keep out the marsh miasma as much as they All around is a wide plain, as flat as a billiard-table, mostly brown, dreary, and barren,—cheered, however, with patches of cultivation, but on the other hand stained in parts with broad extents of stagnant marsh water. Shortly after descending into this plain, the traveller may observe—but very likely also may not, unless it is pointed out to him—a line of white stones running horizontally along the side of a wooded hill to his left. They are to be seen near the top of the hill, extending for a distance of some quarter of a mile or so, interrupted here and there by the encroach-ments of the wood, and might easily be mistaken at that distance for natural cliffs. All below, and all above, is thick wood. These are the celebrated walls of the Etruscan city of Rusellæ, considered by the learned as one of the most ancient among those sites of cities, the most recent of which may look down from the height of its antiquity on the works of the Cæsars as modern. It might have been useful to direct the reader to the pages of various Italian antiquaries who have described and commented on these walls, if Mr.

Dennis had not written his work on the cities and cemeteries of Etruria. As it is, I need only say that those who are sufficiently imbued with antiquarian lore to be interested on the subject will find there not only an exceedingly accurate de-scription of the spot, but a clear and well-digested statement of all the inferences respecting the period to which these works should be referred to which an antiquary may be led by an accurate examination of the method of their construction.

I will only append as a note to his chapter on Rusellæ a correction of a statement which was accurate when he wrote it, but which is so no "No excavations have been made on this longer. "No excavations have been man, site," he says, "within the memory of man, site," he says, "within Signor Santi, of Montal Since that was written, Signor Santi, of Montalcino, has, in conjunction with some other persons, excavated to a small extent. For some time they were entirely unsuccessful, but at last found a scarabeaus,—which proved sufficiently valuable to repay them the expenses of the work. They do not appear, however, to have prosecuted it further. As for the more numerous company of amateur

antiquaries who, without pretending to learning or connoisseurship, can yet find sermons copious and eloquent in such stones as are here,—who can enjoy the poetry of the spot, and cull for themselves thick-coming fancies which are gendered as one stands amid ancient oaks whose roots vainly strive to thrust from their places the Titanic masonry of these fossil nations,—for such, a short excursion to the summit of the hill on which the city stood, which may be easily made en route to Grosseto, will suffice. "Let no one," says Mr. Dennis, "venture to explore the site of Rusellæ who is not thornproof in the strength or the worthlessness of his raiment." The learned antiquary seems to regard the damage likely to be done in the latter case to the hapless explorer's flesh as quite imma-terial. But the caution is by no means needless. To make the circuit of the walls, a distance of about two miles, is of course necessary to those whose object is to examine their construction critically. To do this is in truth an arduous undertaking. The wilderness of wood which covers the soil both within and without the walls is rendered almost, and in many places quite, impenetrable by a thick undergrowth of the shrub called "marruca," whose stout, sharp, curved thorns are far more difficult to deal with than any quickset hedge or bramble bush that I ever encountered. Let the reader picture to himself a thickly-tangled shrubbery composed of whalebone and fish-hooks. This marruca is found in great abundance throughout the Maremma; and the Tuscans associate it so entirely with the idea of that region that they consider the presence of the marruca to indicate the existence of malaria unmistakeably. however, is certainly not the case, for the plant is found in perfectly healthy districts of the south of France. It is remarkable, however, that in Tus-cany it is not known out of the Maremma.

Those lay-brother antiquaries, however, who do not care or do not presume to investigate and reason on the differences between Pelasgian, Cyclopean, Tirynthian, horizontal, polygonal, and rectangular styles of wall-building, need not engage in a struggle à l'outrance with this formidable guardian of the fallen city's walls, which, while it triumphs in their ruin, at least wards off the steps of the profane. For such, it will be sufficient to ascend the hill from behind,-from the side that is opposite to that towards the road. For this purpose, the best plan will be to leave the road at a little building called the Baths of Rusellæ, which marks the spot where a spring of warm water, of quality similar to that at Petriolo, but less strongly impregnated with sulphur, rises from the ground. Impregnated with sulphur, rises from the ground. There is a cottage adjacent, where a guide—essentially necessary—may be obtained, and where a horse, if the traveller has one, may be left. A walk of some two or three miles will bring the explorer thence to the interior of the city. The portion of the walls, however, which he will see on the side by which he will thus enter them, is by no means the finest. The highest and best preserved parts are to the north of the city, and arelike most other good things-precisely the most

difficult to come at.

From the high ground, which the walls surround, the observer will look down over the whole plain, on which Grosseto stands, and through which the Ombrone runs, and will see that it is inclosed by hills, which come down to the sea at Castiglione della Pescaja, about fourteen miles to the north, and by others, which close it in about six miles along the coast to the south of Grosseto. He will,

observe that if, as cannot be doubted, the whole of this plain be formed of alluvial matter brought down in the course of ages by the Ombrone. the time must have been when Rusellæ stood on the coast. And taking into consideration the impossibility of supposing that a cultivated, wealthy, and luxurious people would have built some eight or ten large and populous cities in a district so pestilential as to be uninhabitable for six months of the year, I cannot but think that this plain, half land, half swamp, pestiferous itself, and causing pestilence far inland, did not exist when the founpestience far infand, did not exist when the foun-ders of Rusellæ heaped up the giant masonry, which may remain to look on other changes as great as that which I am supposing it already to have witnessed. It may, perhaps, be thought that, great as is the undoubted antiquity of these walls, their existence cannot be considered to

embrace a period of time long enough for such a geological change as that which I am supposing. But if the facts, which have been related on in this district, have not been related to me respecting the works of reclamation now going on in this district, have not been much exaggerated, I think that the objection in question will disappear. I hope to have an opportunity of examining these works for myself, and ascertaining the accuracy of the facts related con-cerning them; and shall hope to give your readers some account of them in a subsequent letter. Seeing that the site of this venerable city is

such as I have described it, a mere wilderness of stones and briars, and an utter solitude, the very picture of desolation and abandonment, the reader may be inclined to ask, how comes it that the present letter can be dated from such a spot, unless, indeed, the writer have adopted the London taxgatherer's practice of travelling with an ink-bottle slung at his coat-button? To any such questionings, I vouchsafe an answer, the more readily as it gives me an opportunity of describing a Maremma landowner's shooting-box; in which, on a form

before the fire, I am penning these lines.
Signor Giacobetti, the good-natured and courteous proprietor of Rusellæ and the neighbouring lands, who has given up his morning's shooting to accompany me in my wanderings about his ruined city, lives at Batignano, a village on the road from Sienna to Grosseto. But this morning, as I was endeavouring, with very little hope of success, to find my way among the "marruca" thickets with a guide,—who, as I too late discovered, had never in his life ascended the hill,-I spied in the fields at the back of the wooded range of high ground on which the city stands, a small lone stone building, some thirty feet square. Delighted at the unexpected hope of finding some human being who might direct me, I made straight for the house; and there at a little window, about three feet by two, and the only one in the building, I saw a good-natured ruddy face, under a huge fur cap, cheerily inviting me to come in. The way to do so was by a door on the opposite side, high up in the wall, and approached by a flight of exterior steps, for the one large room of which the dwelling consisted was raised above the soil by a rude flooring some twelve or fourteen feet from the ground. The owner of the fur cap, and of all the land around, received me at the door in a costume very like that which our ideas of Robinson Cruso have made familiar to the imagination:—and long before I reached the heights of Rusellæ, be it remarked en passant, I most sincerely coveted the shaggy goat's hair suit, which enabled Signor Giacobetti to stride fearlessly through many a thorny brake that took toll of me in the shape of more than one shred of broadcloth. He kindly offered at once to be himself my guide; and taking his gun from one corner, and setting free a brace of dogs who were tied in another, he was ready for the excursion without more ado. The minute or two, however, which were thus occupied, were

quite sufficient for a complete survey & the contents and arrangement of this primitive shooting-box. An unhewn tree-trunk in the centre supported the roof, and a multitudinous collection of miscellaneous articles hung on pegs around it. Three stretchers of goat-skin, supported on unshaped stakes, each with its goat-skin coverlet, constituted sleeping accommodation for the master and two Man-Fridays. The former, however, was expecting, he told me, some bedding from his house at Batignano. A few planks for a table, a trunk in one corner for a wardrobe, a huge fireplace, hung around with two or three earthern cooking utensils, and a form or two constituted the entire furniture.

Man wants but little here below, the moralist assures us; but I fear me it would be at least equally certain, that most city-bred mortals would not "want that little long," if sen-

tenced to pass a winter in such a tenement.

For my own part, I confess that, after having spent a long morning in rambling with the jolly sportsman over his hills and fighting among his "marruca" thickets, I was not sorry to find myself ere nightfall in a good inn at Grosseto. T. A. T.

### OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

In an ancient chest, long standing in neg-lected corner of an obscure tower in Lambeth Palace, we understand that certain historical papers have just been found. No details as to the particular contents of the documents now unearthed have yet reached us; but we hear it said that they are valuable of their kind. They are supposed to refer chiefly—if not exclusively—to the Cromwell period. We have even heard that some of them period. We have even heard that some of them bear the signature of the Protector. If this be true, they must be of the highest interest to his-torical readers—the name of the subscriber and the place of the discovery being both considered. The "find"—asour antiquarian friends express it is said to have been effected through an accidental derangement of the lumber of a room in the archiepiscopal palace. Of course, under any rule or under any circumstances possible in these days, papers having Cromwell's signature would be preserved and printed. But the owner of a name connected with the literary fame of Milton is not, we take it, likely to treat Cromwell correspondence as ordinary historical matter. If—as is not unlikely— the documents now brought to light at Lambeth shall be found, on examination, to touch the relations of the State and the Church during the Commonwealth-or to illustrate in any way the policy of Cromwell's government towards the several religious bodies then existing—they will be of signal value. But whether these papers shall prove to be of first or only of second rate interest, we trust to hear at no distant date that they are either in the printer's hands or otherwise made accessible to the ever-increasing body of zealous students of our Commonwealth history.

The following note has reached us from Chevalier

"Prusala House, January 23, 1654.

"Sir,—I have only learned this moment that you have been induced by an advertisement of Messrs. Sotheby to suppose that the library of a Foreign Minister which is advertised for sale is mine. Will you oblige me by inserting my assurance that I know nothing of that library or its sale, and that I never intended to sell my literary or any other collections. "I have the honour to be, &c.,

"BUNSEN."

—We allow Chevalier Bunsen to state the fact that his literary collection is not for sale:—but we are not aware that any statement to such effect has

appeared in our pages.

Among the new works which we see announced as in course of preparation is a new 'Memoir of the Life, Writings and Discoveries of Sir Isaac Newton,' by Sir David Brewster, from the family papers of the Earl of Portsmouth. This, as we understand Sir David, is not to be a new edition of his former biography—but a new memoir founded on new materials. He says, in his prospectus, —"This work will be essentially different from the author's former 'Life of Sir Isaac Newton,' in everything that regards his biography or personal history. The account of his discoveries will be more full and accurate, and the part of the work relative to his chemical, alchemical, and theological

pursuits will be altogether new. With the assistance of the late lamented Mr. H. A. W. Fellows, the eldest son of the present Earl of Portsmouth, the author examined and made extracts from all the papers at Hurstbourne Park; but what was most important, they discovered copious materials which Mr. Conduit had collected for a Life of Newton, which had never been supposed to exist. It had been believed that the statement of facts (published in Turnor's 'History of the Soke of Grantham,') which Conduit sent to Fontenelle to enable him to write an Eloge of Newton, contained the leading facts of Newton's life; whereas it was a mere notice written before Conduit had made any inquiries of the College and School companions of Newton. After trying in vain to induce several of Newton's friends to write his life, Conduit re-solved to undertake it himself, and made large MS. collections, to which the author of the present work has had access, and which contain the most complete account of Newton's early and college life."—These materials promise well: and there are many readers who will look with more than common interest for the result of Sir David Brewster's labours.

Another announcement of interest is the forthcoming publication of Calvin's unpublished letters. A few days before his death, in one of their latest conferences, Calvin, when showing to Theodore Beza the most highly valued of his posses-sions—the manuscripts in his library and the documents included in his extensive correspondence with the most illustrious persons of his time—requested that they should be carefully collected after his death; and that a selection from his own letters, made by his friends, should be presented to the Reformed Churches, as a crowning testimony of the anxious interest and affection of their founder. This request was never wholly carried into effect, -and a large proportion of Calvin's correspondence has not been given to the world. Dr. Jules Bonnet has devoted five years to the collection of the papers now announced as in to the collection of the papers now announced as in preparation for the press.—"The correspondence of Calvin," says Dr. Bonnet's prospectus, "com-menced in his early youth, in the year 1528, and was concluded on his deathbed in the month of May 1564. It thus includes each phase of his eventful life, from the obscure scholar of Bourges and of Paris,—only escaping death by exile,—to the triumphant Reformer, who, having lived to see his task accomplished, would not fear to die. We know not a work of equal interest with these letters, written almost daily, in which the events of an epoch and a life of incomparable importance are reflected, where the familiar outpourings of friendship are mingled with grave and scientific disquisitions, and the high and holy breathings of a fervent faith. From a bed of suffering and unceasing toil, Calvin pursues, with an attentive eye, the progress of the Reformation, recording anxiously its victories and its reverses in every State of Europe. He exhorts our own Edward the Sixth, the youthful king of England, and Margaret of Valois, the noble sister of Francis the First; he writes to Luther and Melancthon; he prompts John Knox, and directs Coligny, Condé, and the Duchess of Ferrara. The same man, worn out by sleeplessness and pain, wrestles with incipient heresy, encourages the infant churches, fortifies martyrs, counsels the Protestant Princes with a prudence and a policy at once most able and farsighted, engages in controversy, conducts negotia-tions, teaches, prays, and in his last farewell to the ministers of Geneva, leaves us a noble and affecting The historical value of such a series of letters from one of the most energetic intelligences of the age cannot be denied.

Paris papers announce the death of M. Gaudichaud, a distinguished French botanist and a Member of the Academy of Sciences.

A panorama has been opened at the Egyptian Hall, on the topic of the hour—Constantinople. The picture is not new, having already done service in Regent Street,—but the literary illustration, pleasantly delivered by Mr. Charles Kenney, is new, graphic, and humorous. It is the joint production of Mr. Shirley Brooks and Mr. Albert Smith.

A Prospectus is before us for the formation of yet another printing and publishing Society, under the title of "The Warton Club." The object, as set forth in the paper alluded to, is to secure "the publication of works connected with the old literature, history, and antiquities of the country, but more especially the former." The rules are generally the same as those of the old Percy Society—the worst managed of all possible or impossible book-societies,—and we notice, with regret, as suggesting either a continuity or revival of the presiding spirit of that unfortunate body, that the books to be published by the Warton Club "will be uniform with those of the Percy Society." The list of "works suggested for publication" does not occur to us as particularly attractive. We would except, however, 'The Journal of Nicholas Stone's Travels in Italy in the Time of Charles the First,'—'The Letters and Themes of Mary Queen of Scots,'- and 'A Collection of Hand-bills and Advertisements of Public Exhibitions printed before the close of the Seventeenth Century.' This last is a good subject enough, and one which it would be a service to

The Gazette of last week contains an announcement that if intelligence be not received from the missing Arctic Expedition before the 31st of March next to the effect that the officers and crew of the ships Erebus and Terror are alive, the names of the officers and crew will be removed from the Navy List, and they will be considered as having died in Her Majesty's service. As it is highly impro-bable—if not indeed impossible—that any infor-mation should be received from the missing Expedition so soon as the time mentioned, we may regard the official life of Franklin's Expedition as on the eve of termination. It is, however, very likely that Belcher's Expedition may yet reveal some portion at least of the terrible mystery attaching to the fate of our unfortunate countrymen; and we shall much deplore the return of that Expedition, furnished, as it is, with every means to prosecute the search for Franklin in the north-west waters of Wellington Channel, unless sufficient reasons shall be given to establish that the water seen by Sir E. Belcher is not navigable. We understand that a ship will be despatched in the spring to communicate with Sir E. Belcher, who will be instructed to return home in the autumn. But we cannot suppose that such instructions will apply to Capt. Kellett, who is at Melville Island, and who should remain there to relieve Capt. Collinson, -- for there is every reason to suppose that the latter has en-deavoured to reach Melville Island, and has probably followed the track of his predecessor, Capt. M'Clure.

One of the many beneficent Societies of London, established in aid of sickness is making the experiment which we have so often urged on the Society whose proceedings fall within our literary cognizance,—namely, of collecting its funds without the cumbrous and wasteful machinery of a dinner. Satisfied, as we are, that a public dinner for such a purpose is at variance with the spirit of the time,—that however convenient it be to those who are vacant, or who love self-illustration, or who only thrive by coterie influences,—it is neither a promoter of real sociability nor of real charity,—we are glad to see the attempt at its abolition thus avowedly and honestly made. Let us add, that it would have been to the credit of the men of letters and intelligence (who should be also men of progress) had the experiment been made in their confraternity.

At a joint meeting of the members of the College of Physicans and of the Society of Arts, held in the rooms of the latter body, on the afternoon of Friday, the 20th inst., the Swiney Prize of 100l., contained in a silver goblet of the same value, was adjudged to the work intituled, 'The Commercial Law of the World,' by Mr. Leone Levi.

Miss Bremer has some more last words with Mrs. Howitt and the readers of her 'Homes of the New World.' Here is the substance of the Swedish Lady's lastnote, so far as it really touches the matters in dispute.—

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friend in whose pure and noble soul I could, as in a clear mirror, see my faults and errors, I asked the translator of that work, Mrs. Mary Howitt, to be to me as that friend—a kind and severe critic at once; and so she became to me. She and an American, a most excellent man and friend, who She and an American, in most excession man and recond, who saw the first part of the work, suggested several omissions, some of criticisms, some of too much or repeated eulogiums, see, which remarks were willingly accepted by me, as they all related to particular persons or cases, not to public matters or opinions, in which I had required and urged a ite, which remarks were willingly accepted by me, as they all related to particular persons or cases, not to public natters or opinions, in which I had required and urged a strict fidelity to my manuscript. Several more omissions rere suggested by myself, and I added about these,—"As I loo; through my pages for the press I strike out many a line; and twas sure to be, in these matters, perfectly understood and supported by Mrs. Howitt. Several of the desired and supported by Mrs. Howitt. Several of the missions agreed upon were carried out in the English translation, as in the Swedish original,—some not, as I have lot in the intention of my translator, as kind as abe is considerate in such matters, I have not charged it upon her, but oncircumstances, which sometimes, as little mischie yous mix themselves in human affairs just to keep them from coming right; but, without looking for mythological impediments to explain the matter, sufficient explanation may be found in the unfavourable circumstances under which the work was done, and also in the difficulty of communing about such matters by letters which had ten days to travel before they could reach their readers. Had Mrs. Howitt and myself been so near one another in time and space as we were in our mind and heart, our work would have agreed as perfectly as our will. Nor should I ever have thought of making any remark in public on the errors committed here and there in the book, if some of them had not happened to riflect on, and thereby to give pain to, very dear friends and heir friends. This I would not and should not endure. As to the remark quoted in Mrs. Howitt's letter about the 'mater' and its translation, 'meat,' my remark has been simulerstood. It relates to a very different word. I named that and the mistakes in the spelling of foreign words and amms (some of which may be the fault of my transcriber, as well as mine in not correcting them, some that of the printer only to characterize a certain class of mistakes scattered here and there through the wo of importance. And, indeed, in a work of such an extent, and accomplished in a great hurry, it is less the wonder that there should be some mistakes than that there are not many more. Some errors, as a matter of course, will attach themselves to every translation, as well as (alas!) to every book. Mrs. Howitt thinks that the printed Swedish work is, in great part, a different one from that from which she made her translation. It is certainly not. The first volume was printed in Sweden before the time that the English edition was published; and, though the second volume in Sweden has appeared some weeks later, I have made no omissions of any importance, except those that Mrs. Howitt and ayself had agreed upon. A few shortenings of endearing that and a few slight additions I have made of no kind of importance. To have done otherwise would not have been fair, and it could not enter into my mind to do it. The third volume will be as little altered. It is to me a gratification here to repeat what I have already said, both in private and public, about Mrs. Howitt's translation,—it is good and faithfull in general, and in many parts most excellent, less so in the first part of the work, most so in the last. As Mrs. Howitt has advanced in the work, and become identified to its mind, native genius has made her overcome all difficulties of language and matters translation,—it is fold and heartfelt appreciation take away any sting that my remarks may have left in the mind of my friend and translator! May she be my friend and translator! May she be my friend and translator! May he be my friend and translator! May he be beny friend and translator! May he be my friend and

-This is kindly and characteristically said,—as last words should be. Our readers have now all the facts of the case before them, -and we do not doubt that most of them will come to a conclusion not unlike that of the amiable Swedish authoress.

A Correspondent, who has formerly addressed our readers on the subject of that Marylebone Free Library which promised to be an example to all London, writes again:—"I would trouble you once more to remark, that I do not think the 'premises' intended for the Marylebone Free once more to remark, that I do not think and premises, intended for the Marylebone Free Library, in the New Road, represent the wealth and respectability of that large and influential parish, nor do I think that the subscription as given in the last report (about 1,000%) is at all in proportion to its size and influence. I must say that I am very greatly disappointed in this first attempt to introduce free libraries into the metropolis as the means of enticing the mechanics and artizans to a more healthy and profitable enjoyment of their leisure time than public-houses and low places of amusement afford; but if these and tow places of amusement anota, but institutions are not better supported than this appears to be, after the great fuse and flourish of support that was promised, we cannot expect that

the habits and morals of the working classes of the metropolis can be much improved.

COLOSSEUM. Regent's Park.—Admission, 1s.—The original PANORAMA of LONDON BY DAY is exhibited Daily from half-past Fent till half-past Four. The extraordinary PANORAMA of LONDON BY NIGHT, every Evening, Saturday excepted, from Seven till Ten. Music from Two till half-past Four, and during the evening several favourite Songs by Miss Schwiess. CYCLOBAMA, Albany Street.—LISBON AND EARTH-QUAKE.—This celebrated and unique Moving Panorama, representations of the Colorada and Colorada and

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Ms. ALBERT SMITH'S MONT BLANC, including the BER NESE OBERLAND and the SIMPLON, every Evening at Eight o'clock (except Saturday), and every Tucsday, Thursday, annals Saturday Mornings at Two.—Stalls, 2s. (which can be taken at the Box-Office every day, from Eleven to Four); Area, 2s.; Gallery, 1s EGYPTIAN HALL, PICCADILLY.

JAPANESE EXHIBITION.—The first direct importation from Japan WILL OPEN on MONDAY NEXT for exhibition at the Gallery of the Society of Painters in Water-Colours, 5, Pail Mail East, for a limited period, as the Society will shortly require their Gallery.—Admittance, 28.

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WINTER EXHIBITION of PHOTOGRAPHY.—An entirely New Collection of Photographic Pictures, including Mr. Robert son's Views of Constantinole, M. Marten's magnificent Scenery among the Glaciers of Switzerland, and Mr. DelaMotté's Progress of the Crystal Palace, at Sydenham, IS NOW O'PEN,—Admis-sion, 6d.—Photographic Institution, 188, New Bond Street.

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TICKALICKTOO, HARKBAH, and HARKALUCKJOE, three ESQUIMAUX, from Kamuksoke, Cumberland Straite, the first Natives of the Polar Regions ever seen in London, will be exhibited at the LOWTHER ARCADE EXHIBITION ROOMS, Adelaide-street, West Strand, on MONDAY, January 30, and during the week, in their Native Costume, with their Huts, Cance, and other accessories of Arctic Life. The Illustrative Lecture by Mr. Leicksyke Buckingham. Afternooms 45 2, Evenings at 7.—Admission, 1s.; Children, 1s.

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### SCIENTIFIC

ROYAL.—Jan. 19.—Prof. Wheatstone, V.P., in the chair.— A paper was read 'On the Geometrical Representation of the Expansive Action of Heat, and the Theory of Thermodynamic Engines,' by W. J. M. Rankine, Esq.

Jan. 26.—The Rev. Baden Powell, V.P., in the

chair.—A paper, illustrated by experiments, was read, On the Vibrations and Tones produced by the Contact of Bodies having different Tempera tures,' by John Tyndall, Esq.

GEOGRAPHICAL.—Jan. 23.—The Earl of Elles-mere, President, in the chair.—Commander E. J. Bedford, R.N., Mr. D. R. Blaine, Mr. J. Calvert, Mr. S. S. Dickinson, Mr. W. Laurie, Capt. R. Methuen, Mr. Ouchterlony, Mr. Granville, R. H. Somerset, and Mr. Thorp were elected Fellows.— The General Index to the last ten volumes of the Journal, and the twenty-third volume of the Society's Transactions were announced as published. The papers read were:—'Further Accounts from the Mission to Lake Châd, from the Sappers and Miners.' From about 100 volunteers of the corps of Sappers, Corporal Church and Private Swenny were selected to serve in the expedition sent under Dr. Vogel to join Dr. Barth. At the commence-ment of the expedition Swenny became dangerously ill, and was obliged to retire. His place was filled by Private Maguire. Owing to the indisposition

of Dr. Vogel, the organization and starting of the caravan were effected by Corporal Church. During the journey, the thermometer rose to 150°. one occasion the party was 66 hours in the saddle out of 80; and the surface of the country for more than 50 miles was of the most difficult character. At Sokna the natives manifested the greatest kindness. Private Maguire pushed across from Tripoli to Murzuk, without any European companion, in 34 days only. Both the men were in excellent

health and spirits. Dr. Shaw, the Secretary, then read a paper describing the steps which had been taken with reference to the proposed Exploration of Northern Australia.—This Expedition was originally projected by the Society; but since, on account of its growing importance, the Government has determined to the step of the mined to assume the whole responsibility. The command is to be offered to Capt. Stokes, R.N. Capt. Sturt and Mr. Eyre had sent in estimates and memoranda on the expedition. Capt. Sturt says that "the first step towards maturing an expedition such as that now contemplated, to explore the northern portions of Australia, is to determine the place at which it should be organized, because upon that question the description and fitness of the animals to be employed entirely depend. Now, as regards this point, Singapore, Timor, and other contiguous places, from which camels, ponies, &c. could be procured, are no doubt nearer the immediate region of research than any of the settlements on the continent of Australia itself; so far, therefore, as the risk of transport is concerned, it would, perhaps, be less bringing them from the first-mentioned places than from the last. But Timor ponies, the only animals of the horse kind, I believe, to be procured on that island, are worse than useless; and I fear camels would prove very troublesome with horses, if, at least, I may judge from the universal terror the presence of one of those animals spread among the horses in South Australia, and the failure of all attempts on the part of its owner to reconcile them to it. Under the most favourable circumstances, it would take an indefinite time to make them so accustomed to each other as to render it safe to lead them forth in a service in which the most docile animals should alone be employed. Under any circumstances, I should recommend that the men to be employed on the expedition should be engaged at Moreton Bay, as I do not think that men qualified for an Australian expedition could be found except in Australia itself. From Moreton Bay it would not take ten days to land them on any part of the north coast. Strength of the party:—1 commander, 1 assistant, 1 surgeon, 1 collector and preserver, 1 assistant, I surgeon, I contector and preserver, I store-keeper, I overseer of stock, I shepherd (a native), 9 men; total 16. I think a party of the above strength is sufficient for all useful purposes, as it could be safely divided if circumstances should render it necessary. I am not myself an advocate for large parties. It may be thought that they are safer, but I doubt that safety consists in numbers; it is on discipline and on caution that the explorer should mainly rely. He who cannot work his way amongst the Australian natives with a small party, will not do so with a large one. It is on the cool-ness and conduct of the chief that everything depends. The fact is, that to keep up a friendly intercourse with the natives, the leader of the expedition must submit to great personal risks. He must exercise the greatest forbearance, and take care not to mistake natural alarm for hostility. He will find his men ready enough to fly to their arms, for their fears are easily raised, but the leader should be the first to set the example of steadiness, and should on no account allow a shot to be fired, excepting on his express command; for let a collision once take place between a party and the natives, no matter how strong the former may be, and the utility of the expedition is at once destroyed. I would remark that it is requisite that the leader of an expedition such as the present, if he has not had previous experience, should be put in a position to acquire a knowledge of the many duties he will have to attend to. At Moreton Bay all the elements of an expedition are to be found; and he could there organize his party and exercise both his men and animals, so as to be ready to commence his journey in whatever part of the coast he might be landed." Capt. Sturt, it was announced, had volunteered his services in the proposed exploration.

GEOLOGICAL.—Jan. 18.—Prof. E. Forbes, President, in the chair.—Messrs. A. W. Morant and J. B. Denton were elected Fellows.—The following communications were read:—'On Pipes and Furrows in Calcareous and Non-Calcareous Strata,' Furrows in Calcareous and Non-Calcareous Strata, by J. Trimmer, Esq. The author described the vertical, irregular, funnel-shaped, or cylindrical cavities in certain strata, known as pipes and sandgalls, noticing the various forms they assume, the different strata besides the chalk in which they are found, the various deposits of the tertiary epoch with which they are filled, and the furrows with which their mouths are connected. A brief summary was then given of the evidence on which the author relies for proof of the formation of these remarkable cavities on the surface of strata by the mechanical action of water before the matter which fills them was deposited. The nearest exist-ing analogies to which the author referred, are the effects of vorticose currents of the water in breakeffects of vorticese currents of the water in break-ers and on the shore, and the similar action of tor-rental rivers. The distribution of these pipes and furrows over large extents of country was ex-plained by reference to the continued advance or retreat of the coast-line, with its wave and breaker action, throughout the tertiary era. The author also admits, to a certain extent, the solvent power of carbonic acid held in solution in water, percolating the strata along these cavities, as an agent in widening and deepening the pipes. The irregular stratification over the mouths of these cavities, the author considers to be an original condition of deposit upon an irregular surface, although subsidence of the matter with which the pipes are filled, may frequently have taken place, in various degrees, from many causes.
On the Origin of the Sand and Gravel Pipes in the Chalk of the London Tertiary District, by J. Prestwich, Jun., Esq.—After referring to the observations and researches of earlier writers on these peculiar cavities, the author proceeded to point out that the pipes occur wherever a stratum permeable to water overlies the chalk or other calcareous rock to any considerable extent: and, where the chalk and the superincumbent tertiaries formed an extensive tract of horizontal dry land, previously to the disturbances that broke up these rocks, and gave them their present varying inclinations, the atmo-spheric waters, more or less charged with carbonic acid, percolating freely through the superficial sandy beds, rested on the chalk until, by numerous furrows and pipes, it gradually dissolved passages to the lower level at which water would stand in the water-bearing beds of chalk, at some distance be-neath the surface. The superincumbent sands or gravels, as the case may be, gradually subsided, more or less conformably, into the deepening cavity caused by the loss of the chalk in the funnel or pipe below. When the chalk and overlying ter-tiary beds were locally upheaved, shattered, and thary beds were locally upheaved, shattered, and partially denuded, the newly made valley-courses gave exit in springs along their sides both to the water of the lower water-level and the water of the superficial sands and gravels: the sand-pipes becoming almost all deserted as water-channels, except in such local instances, perhaps, as are now seen where the existing "swallow-holes" in the gravel and sands above the chalk continue an analogous exting. logous action.

ASIATIC.—Jan. 21.—Prof. H. H. Wilson, in the chair.—J. T. Mackenzie, Esq. was elected into the Society.—Dr. R. G. Latham addressed the meeting on the 'Early Occupation of certain Parts of Burope by Branches of the Turk Family.'—The parts of Europe and Asia which the present comparison is intended to illustrate are the Russian governments of Taurida, Cherson, Ekaterinos-law, and Bessarabia; also the Danubian Principalities, and Transylvania—ancient Scythia, with a part of ancient Dacia. The populations under notice are the Comanians, the Petshengues, the Khazars, the Huns, the Skoloti (or Scythæ) of Herodotus. That the first four of these belonged

to the Turk stock is admitted generally. That the Huns did so, is partially admitted. That the Skoloti (or Scythæ) did so is partially admitted also. At present the Turk affinities of these two populations are a postulate. It is not here that populations are a postulate. It is not here that the main point of our investigation lies. Nor yet does it lie in the fact of the preceding popula-tions, one or more, having existed, more or less extensively, in the parts under notice from the fourth century B.C. to the eighteenth century A.D.; when the last of the Comanians of Hungary, who spoke the Comanian language, died. That this spoke the Comanian language, died. That this Comanian was the Turk of Independent Tartary Comanan was the Turk of Independent Tartary has been shown by Klaproth, who examined a vocabulary thereof,—a vocabulary interesting as a piece of literature from having belonged to Petrarch. The real gist of what was to follow consisted in the assertion of the consecutive character of the history of these populations, and the stationary character of their occupancy: to which must be added, the criticism of the current opinions concerning them. These account for the phenomena of the parts in question as if they were the result of migrations, of a series of migrations, of a Comaof migration, of a series of migration, &c. Now, the present inquirer commits himself to the opinion that not one of these migrations rests on historical evidence. They were inferences only. That the Skoloti were indigenous to Europe is not believed: it is only asserted that their invasion lies beyond the historical period. The rest are all nes beyond the historical period. The rest are all inferences. Cognate populations within a certain area appeared to different historians at different times, under different names. The presumed change was a change of population, implying a fresh migration. The real change was a change of name. With the Avars, the really historical facts took place in countries west of the Volum Their took place in countries west of the Volga. Their origin in the remote parts of Asia is an inference, surmise. In respect to the Huns, the evidence of the only author, Ammianus Marcellinus, who was cotemporary with their first appearance in history, as a formidable population, is eminently capable of analysis. The historical fact is the ection of certain Goths from the parts about the Dniester. The Asiatic origin is an inference. Seventy years later, the Huns of Attila appear between the Thiess and the Danube, and Priscus visits them. This is history. That these were the Huns of the Dniester, advancing westwards, is an inference or surmise. There is no evidence on the point. The migrations, then, are hypothetical, —matters of inference rather than testimony; and the view that adopts them must be criticized as an hypothesis only. Further details on this point would carry us too far; hence, the results only of a careful investigation are given. These are as follows :- 1st. No one of the earlier populations of the list above given can be shown to have entered the inst above given can be shown to have emercathe ancient Scyllia Europæa since the beginning of history. 2nd. No one of the later can be shown to have been eliminated therefrom. All that can be shown, is a change of name. All that need be assumed are, ordinary internal movements. Hence there was no succession of fresh migrations from Asia, but simply details of the history of Scythia Europea. Is there any further confirmation of this—anything positive? Migrations may have existed though the evidence of them be wanting. The opposite hypothesis must have some facts in its favour,—a few, if not many. Now, 1. The name Hun, in the form Chuni, is found in Ptolemy and in Europe. So that the Huns were a part of European Scythia in the second century. 2. Priscus mentions the Royal Scythians of the time of Attila, mentions the Royal Scythians of the time of Attila, without distinguishing them from the Huns properly so called. 3. Skoloti and Scythæ were collective names,—so was Hun. One of the details of the former were the Catiari,—of the latter the Cuturguri. 4. One of the details of the Scythæ, or Skoloti, were Agathyrsi. In the same locality, i. c., in Transylvania, Priscus found the Acatziri Hunni. This identification is Zeuss's. Now these were in Angient Decise and as Decises they were

the name of Decebalus is Turk, and the first proper Turk king of history is Dizabulus (Διζάβουλος).
No family has so good a claim to Decebalos, the Dacian, as the Turks, and of the Turk populations the Agathyrsi (Acatziri, Khazars) have the best.
Now let us look at the Huns of Attila; of whom Now let us look at the Huns of Attins; of whom it must be remembered that nothing is absolutely historical except so far as it can be found in Priscus. The usual authority, Jornandes, in his best parts, rest only on Cassiodorus—a Gothic historian who had the hate of his nation against the Huns, and one who lived half-a-century after the death of Attila. The Attila of Priscus is a very different character from the Attila of the later historians. He is no Scourge of God, no murderer of his brother, no king of an unlimited domain. He has not even reduced the neighbouring Acatziri. He cannot be connected with the Huns who conquered the Goths of the Dnieper, i.e., he has no signs of being a conqueror who has come from the East. He may have been in situ, so to say, in a part of the original domain of a long line of ancestors. We find him in a certain locality, and we should We find him in a certain locative, and we should take him as we find him. To bring him ab extra is an inference, an hypothesis. Great stress is laid on this. As far as evidence goes, the ancestors of Attila may have been in the fourth century, B.C. where Attila was in the fifth century, A.D.
Where was this? Not in the part which a conqueror from Asia, who had the pick of all Walqueror from Asia, who had the pick of an wal-lachia and Moldavia, would choose. It was rather in the parts whereto the remnants of a reduced population would retreat. It was in the low lands between the Thiess and Danube. More than this, it was in the parts between Pannonia and Dacia; just the parts that belonged to neither province, the parts that never were Roman. It is submitted, then, that certain populations of the Scythæ, or Skoloti, lay far enough west to have lain within the limits of Ancient Dacia, and that they were important enough to have supplied a chief in the wars against Trajan; that such independence as was preserved between the Danube and the Limes Romanus was Scythian; that in the ejection of the Goths from the Dneister, the Goths (and not the Huns) were the intrusive population; that the acts of Attila were those of a restorer rather than a destroyer. He was the analogue of Pelagius in Spain rather of Zenghiz Khan or Tamerlane. History tells us little. Two-thirds of what passes as such is inference. Without saying that this inference will give us exactly such a phenomenon as the re-construction of the empire of a Decebalus by an Attila (a patriot king instead of a barbarian conqueror), it gives us something far more like this than the opposite extreme -which is the exaggerated picture of a great and gratuitous blood-shedder, with the scourge of God in his hands and a whole vassalage of kings at his

Institute of British Architects.—Jan. 23.
—Mr. Mocatta, V.P., in the chair.—The adjourned discussion on Mr. Burnell's paper, 'On the French Method of constructing Iron Floors,' was resumed.
—Mr. Barrett explained the English system patented as Messrs. Fox & Barrett's, and an animated conversation on the merits of the various systems took place. The discussion being further adjourned until the 6th of February, we propose to give a brief summary of the whole question when the discussion is concluded.

STATISTICAL.—Jan. 16.—The Rev. Wyatt Edgell, V.P., in the chair.—Messrs. J. R. Bedford, Richard Hodgson, John Locke and Thomas Walker were elected Fellows.—'On the Stature, Weight, Size of Chest, and Physical Strength of the New Zealand Race of Men,' by Dr. Thomson.—This paper was too statistical to interest the general reader, but the following conclusions drawn from the data given deserve a record:—1. That the average stature of the New Zealand race of men is 5 ft. 6½ in. 2. That they are taller than the natives of Belgium, or the temperate countries of Europe, but not sotall as the English. 3. That their average weight, deducting clothes, is 140lb., or ten stone.

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of Belgium. 5. That the indolent life a New Zealander leads tends to increase his bodily weight. 6. That the circumference of his chest is about thirty-five inches, or a little under that of the British soldier. 7. That the New Zealanders are inferior in physical strength to the natives of Great Britain, but superior to the Belgians. 8. That their infe-riority in this respect to the English soldier is probably in some measure attributable to the differce in their diet.

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS .- Jan. 24. J. Simpson, Esq., President, in the chair.—'Description of an improved Inclined Plane, for conscription of an improved Incined Fiane, for con-reging Boats to and from different Levels of a Canal,' by Mr. J. Leslie.—After alluding to the successful inclined plane, established by the author at Blackhill, near Glasgow, on the Monkland Canal, and describing the difficulties to be overcome, and the points essential for the good working of such lifts, the paper proceeded to propound, as the simplest modification, in cases where there was a scarcity of water, and where vessels would bear being taken out of the water, the having two uniform inclined planes, descending each way, from a culminating point, or summit, placed at a suitable elevation, above the water in the upper reach.

MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK.

Mos. Institute of Actuaries, 7. — Discussion "On Decimal

Ters. Institution of Civil Engineers, 8. — 'On Macadamized
Roads for the Streets of Towns, by Mr. Smith.

Royal Institution, 3.— 'On Heat,' by Prof. Tyndall.

W.S. Society of Arts, 8.— Discussion 'On Laws relating to Property in Designs and Inventions are thing to Property in Designs and Inventions are the first of the Coperty of Arts, 8.— Discussion 'On Laws relating to Property in Designs and Inventions to Mr. Webset.

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— On the Physical Geology of the Hinalayas, by

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### PINE ARTS

THE GREEK COURT AT SYDENHAM PALACE. Painting the Parthenon.

THE use of colour in sculpture has become a vexed question only because the real character of the issue to be tried has been overlooked. The distinctive attributes of colour, in its connexion with and dependence on the art of delineation, have been allowed to clash; and the chromatic art being once dragged from its humble but charming sphere of ornamentation, it has been permitted to arrogate a loftier association with Design than its character warrants. From being formerly denied any association with the chaster graces of Sculpture, it has now assumed an injurious co-partnership. The consequence has been mutual injury; for true sculpture cannot avail itself of true colour: and all else is futile, except as applied within the legitimate sphere of ornamentation, and according to the distinctive precepts which artistically regulate its

Mural decoration, the chief province of Polychromatism, is necessarily reduced to subjection by the laws of linear art and chromatic effect. It is imitation, although under the guidance of fancy. But, in its relation to architectural sculpture, it assumes another character, though not a character so decided as that implied by the relationship of the setting to the jewel. It becomes a serious ques-tion how far it is to be allowed to peril the substantial character and appeal of architectural forms in the desire to give them elegance and variety.

There being no analogy to sculpture in nature, the rules by which it is created become an Artconvention; and no laws of Art can ever sanction such an absurdity as the reduction of a superior process to the caprice of an inferior.

We are not sorry that an attempt has been made to paint the Parthenon. The absurdity of using colour in sculpture is thus made evident to every sense. The failure is complete and decisive. We do not, however, believe that an experiment of the kind was needed to convince the artist: an eye educated

figures of the glorious procession of the Athenian sculptor. The nature of that judgment we cannot doubt; and perhaps it may be as well for us to assist the popular apprehension by a few notes on the necessary laws which govern the activity of the Statuary's and the Limner's art.

Each language of man has its peculiar character, not only in modes of expression, but in the stamp of the conveyed Thought. By the instinct of affinities the organ of speech moulds its analogous enunciations from its radical hints into complete discourse—painting to the ear the distinctive character of the human soul, vocalized into expressional existence, and varied by psychological and impressional differences. From the same basis of nentary harmonies, the robust forms of simple architecture spring into sturdy Tuscan,—the chaste members of the Doric compose into grave and massive unity,—the elegant volute and diminished diameter spring into the dainty Ionic,—whilst the leafy luxuriance of the Corinthian completes the cycle of classic architectural organization :- each order representing a force of Nature and a form of Thought. This unity of natural outgrowth may not be impaired by mixture. True taste will no more desire to break the severity and solidity of the Tuscan and Doric by Ionic and Corinthian foritura, than it would dream of casting the cold abstraction of Sculpture into Painting, or of min-gling the rich fullness of Painting with the stern and Doric beauty of Sculpture. The unity of each Art-language is as certain as that of Music. out this unity, it would lose the charm of that re-lation of congenial parts which constitutes the magic of every perfect appeal of Art to the senses and the soul of man.

The abstract, then, is the secret of the monotoned ntity of Sculpture. Form and its incidental effect are the stamina of its being, and its pale surface the external charm of its ideality. Character in its refined hands never degenerates into Caricature, and even familiar details must be generalized by the artist into grandeur.

The absorption of the single-toned artist in the urity of his wrought conception,—the forbearance of his genius in resisting the minor fascinations which invite him to degrade the marble by a too familiar touch, -the removal of a conflicting background,—the scrupulous consideration of the little more or less of shade,—the temptations to fullness more or less or snade,—the temptations to ruliness or tenuity, according to a bias, but against a higher canon,—the abstraction of the uppupiled eye,—the generalized and massed hair,—the undistinguished drapery,—the individual and accidental merged into the beautiful generalization of the species, the jealous guardianship of the chaste design and solemn effect,—are ill pleas in favour of the honourable isolation in which this noble art must ever find itself. It speaks of a purity which no contact may assail,—of an unity which cannot be perilled,—and of an impression which is unique in its chastity of character and influence. When we gaze on the marble form, and are reminded by it of Nature, it is by the power of abstraction that we feel there is a natural, a human or an ideal presence in the outlines and the renderings-a soul, so to speak, in the marble. As we gaze on the marble lines, we do not feel the want of those literal similitudes which can never be supplied. Now, to merit this isolation, this respectful

sequestration from familiar associations, it is suffi-cient that it be true Sculptural Art. Degrade it from its purity, and the plastic effort becomes merely the accessory of other and more meretri-cious arts—it falls into the congregation of illusory means to stimulate the sense.

Can any one with eyes imagine that the noble works of Phidias were meant as mere accessories of colour or jewelry? Not to speak of the glorious illustrations of the Pediment, look at the delicate yet vigorous procession of the Frieze. We there behold basso-rilievo in its full triumph from the utmost projection consistent with its character, to the most masterly implication of rotund form in the faintest tracery on the ground. How delicious

to perceive the nobleness of form could not require so hard a test: but it was well that the outer public should be enabled to judge for themselves still preserves the character of solidity and round-of the effect produced by colour on the forms and ness! He must indeed be insensible to beauty who would desire to ruin such a work of genius by making it the accessory of another art in its lowest form of application.

We have stated the principal reason why Polychromatism is not applicable to the higher forms of Sculpture. They are abstract, and must, therefore remain isolated. It must likewise be considered that Painting is also degraded by the union. The painter, in the choice of his light and shade and chiar-oscuro, is guided either by his sub-ject or by the subjective influences of taste, sentiment, and system. It depends not, therefore, on the situation of his work, containing within itself the secret of its appeal. Apply the canon to Sculpture, and we shall find the light and shade incidental to the sculptured poem contravening, in most points, the delicate decisions of the painter, His elaborate half-tints are here supplied by another art; and no high-light may sparkle from his pencil to give roundness and vivacity to that which has them already by its own laws. His depths would only make that darker which was dark in its own right, and all the reliefs to be obtained are those only incidental to plastic con-tours. All that is left, then, to the tasteless limner is by crude washes to hasten the degradation of Sculpture and Painting. Again, let it be remarked that the sculptor has left his ground unobtrusive. He feels his interest. He has no desire to let anything compete with his forms and their effect. But the limner would set at nought this forbearance of power. He would bring an intense blue sky to disturb the majestic repose of his pale abstraction.

That which one man has so admirably let in, another would cut out by making that vivid which he had left calm. The sculptor had a congenial The background which satisfied the perception. limner would have a strange heaven interloping, with its odd suggestions of climatic varieties. He is driven to clothe the unhappy forms, no longer enjoying the isolation which harmonized with their natures, with a warmer tint of skin. The very horses are changed from their milky whiteness into russet and iron-grey carriage horses. Possibly a desire may arise for real manes and tails and amber hoofs. He who has plunged into the worship of the Real may have to learn how the worship of the Real may have to learn how much of untruth lies in a narrow mode of seeking for the True. Art declines from sculp-ture to wax-work by insensible degrees—from the first tampering with pure form and the intro-duction of alien appliances, through the cravings of Imitation, until its final extinction as Art in the draperies of a clothes-peg. Let the polychromatic zeal, therefore, distrustful of mere erudition that would lead it into unsafe paths, adhere to its own peculiar laws,—let it cling to Ornament for support, and it will discover an ample field for the exercise of its ingenuity in the harmonious distribution of its means as adjunctive to the lesser forms of Architecture. Let it not attempt to scale even the height of a Gothic tomb, where jewels and metals and mosaic repel all sense of flimsiness, and leave no room for the scourings of the palette. It is only endurable when it ceases to be a pre-

It is time when pretended authorities are brought forward to sanction any innovation, to rely on the only authority in such matters-Taste. A partial allusion to the employment of Poly-chromatism in specific cases, does not warrant its wholesale application wherever recklessness may

It is easy to understand an author of 'The Sublime and Beautiful' being forced, by the tyranny of custom, to wear powder in his hair and a pig-tail on his back, or a poetess of 'Sensibility sighing in the centre of a hoop. We may pity the martyrs of rouge and patches; but be-cause Newton was an astronomer, and Wren an architect, mankind are not bound to adopt their speculations on matters not within their province. Neither would the true artist be bound even by the Greeks in their Sculpturesque period, if it could be shown that they had been heretical in their Art-canons, and had consented to stain their glorious marbles.

### MAROCHETTI'S COUR-DE-LION.

A bronzed plaster-model of Marochetti's wellknown statue has this week been erected on a brick pedestal in New Palace Yard, opposite the entrance to Westminster Hall, and not far from the clock tower of the New House of Com-

By a very judicious forethought, the public voice is to be taken ere the Lion Heart and his fragile charger are perpetuated in more enduring bronze. There can be but one opinion, we think, either as to the grandeur of the sculptor's thought, or the success of its embodiment. If Richard has not much to do in such a place-frowning grimly not much to do in such a place—frowning grimly at the lawyers—he is at least as appropriately placed in that seene and centre of many memories as he who at Charing Cross bears his head as jauntily as if he had never lost it,—or as George exulting in his pig-tail in Pall Mall.

"Lor' bless yer, sir!" said an old sailor of Nelson's, whom we met hobbling round the scaffolding, "I do love them old ancient things.

folding, "I do love them old ancient things. How he looks, right forward, (striking out his arm

How he looks, right forward, (striking out his arm as if pointing to him) just like my old master at Trafalgar." And so he does, right forward at the turbaned host as they come on to the clash of cymbals and the war-cry "Allah Acbar."

There is a slight error in the Baron's composition which might have been easily obviated; on the Hall side, the upraised sword seems sprouting for the balance of the property of the street of the stre from the helmet, and requires a slight sloping of the right arm that holds it, to account for its appearance. Not to be hypercritical—the horse, too, would have been perhaps better if it were of the more massive Flemish breed, which were reared expressly at a later period to bear the tremendous weight of a knight in armour. A little more bone and muscle, without coarseness, would have been better than the thin flank, arched

would have been better than the thin hank, arched neck, tapper leg and pointed ear.

The face of Richard is, of course, idealized. Montfaucon gives us, in his effigy, a bullet head—round like that of Pericles,—a wide, square underjaw, a short chin, and a crisp, curling beard. The head in the Baron's statue, however, is the perfect type of the Christian warrior, and realizes the ideal of Tasso's hero;—it has all the pious ardour of chivalry blended with regal majesty.

FINE-ART GOSSIP.—We have seen a design for a window by Mr. Millais, which was exhi-bited by Mr. Ruskin in one of his Edinburgh lectures, as an instance of the union of two sciences in the same mind. Angels embracing like those of Maclise in his frontispiece to Dickthe those of maches in his horizoptec to Discourse cons's 'Chimes,' and angels holding out a ring, we suppose typify divine love and eternity. The thought is beautiful on paper, but we very much doubt if it can be translated into stone. The stars over the heads is a thought for the brush and the pen, not for the chisel. Such a window, if admissible at all, would need a building in the same character. Imagine embracing angels and eternity stuck into Compo's last patchwork of all the Gothic periods or Streenil's Ambe Recentle. the Gothic periods, or Stucconi's Arabo-Ægyptic Irvingite cathedral. The masses would, we think, look heavy, and instead of cutting against the light like the branchwork of Mediæval architecture, would dam back the sunshine and merely block up the window they should enrich.

Her Majesty has given a sitting for a bust to Mr. Jones, the Irish sculptor. The bust is in-tended as a compliment to Mr. William Dargan.

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The statue of the late Admiral De Saumarez, by
Mr. Steele, of Edinburgh, has been placed in the
Painted Hallat Greenwich Hospital.—Our contemporarise of Tuesday recorded a permission granted
to Mr. Tite to erect the full-sized model of a pedestal
for the City Statue to Sir Robert Peel, "in the centre of the roadway nearly fronting the Mansion House, temporarily," for the purpose of deciding how far such locality will be favourable or otherwise to the monument in question.—Several new statues have been lately placed in their appointed situations at the Palace of Westminster.

If the number of Exhibitions be a test of pros-perity, the Fine Arts should certainly find themselves in a flourishing state beyond the Rhine. We have before us a list of the German Exhibitions for the present year. There are not less than thirteen in second and third rate provincial towns. Not to speak of what may—or may not—be done in the great Art-capitals of Germany—in Vienna, Munich, Berlin, Dresden, Frankfort, Düsseldorf and Cologne there will be Exhibitions opened in each of the —there will be Exhibitions opened in each of the following cities:—Hanover opens the ball on the 14th of February. Bremen follows on the 9th of March—Schwerin on the 4th of April—Hamburgh on the 12th of April—Brunswick on the 20th of May—Lübeck on the 22nd of June—Halle on the 11th of July-Gotha on the 1st of August-Rostock on the 3rd of the same-Cassel on the 1st of September—Stralsund on the 14th ditto—and Greisswald on the 20th of October. The date for opening the Exhibition at Halberstadt has not yet been fixed.

### MUSIC AND THE DRAMA

MUSICAL WINTER EYENINGS, 1854.—The Reserved Softs of Subscribers, 1823, not claimed before the 2nd of February will be let to new applicants. Tickets will be issued to Subscribers at an evening reception for the Rehearsal of New Music, &c., the second week in February.—Prospectuses to be had of Oramer & Co. Chappell, Ollivier, &c., Music Fublishers; where all letters will be promptly attended to addressed to the Director, J. ELLA. MUSICAL UNION, 1854.—Members declining their Subscribions for the present senson are required to notify the same to the Director on or before the 1st of February (side Record, 1858, Resolution of the Committee).

SACRED HARMONIC SOCIETY, Exeter Hall—Conductor, Mr. Costa—Mendelssohn's 'ELIJAH' will be repeated on THURSDAY, the 9th of February.—Vocalists: Miss Louias Prac, Miss B. Street, Miss Dolby, Mrs. Lockey, Mr. Sims Reeves, Mr. J. A. Novello, and Signor Bellett. Tickets, 3s., 5s., and los. dci; or Subscriptions, One, Two, or Three Guineas per annum, may be had by immediate application at the Society's Office, No. 7 in Exeter Hall. The next Subscription Concert will be on FHDAY, the 17th of February.

HAYMARKET .- The re-appearance of Miss Cushman on Monday excited considerable interest. The part chosen for the occasion was that of Bianca in the painful tragedy of 'Fazio.' It was one of the earliest characters in which Miss Cushman appeared in London previous to any notice of her in our columns:—We have, therefore, to discuss her merits in the part for the first time. The character in itself is not attractive. We have little sympathy for a woman who from jealousy swears away the life of her husband. It is what is professionally called an up-hill part. But Miss Cushman is not an actress to succumb to difficulty; and she has evidently undertaken to meet the present with a determina-tion to master it. To a considerable extent she undoubtedly does so. She frequently extorts admiration—sometimes, though rarely, she compels sympathy—and in a few instances she commands complete approval. But allegiance is seldom willingly yielded - we feel that it is compelled in spite of some reluctance. A triumph is won by physical power; but it is against the judgment—a result which, as we have suggested, is partly due to the character itself. Miss Cushman lays very early in the play the grounds of Bianca's jealousy. In the first scene these are so evident, that the spectator is fully prepared for any expression of the passion that may take place. When at length occasion is given, that expression is indeed less vehement, but it is more intense;—and the intense form is the one preferred by the actress throughout. Oftentimes exceedingly painful, it is sometimes proportionately effective. But it is clearly too much on the same level. There are some half-dozen opportunities where a relief and an elevation might have been lent to the current strain of the emotion by an elocutionary treatment of particular lines, which would have raised the natural into the poetic. For the want of this variation of tone, there was a humility in the affection and a prostration in the suffering, which excited compassion indeed, but claimed no recognition of the higher sense. There were, nevertheless, wonderful power and the presence of a purpose throughout, that witnessed for the intelligence of the actress. The pathos was unmistakeable—there it was, but without the softer lights, the human mitigations which accompany true interpretations of the poetic ideal. Once, however, the actress rose into the expression of poetic power and passion. It is where

the insane conviction presses upon Bianca that she can awake the dead, and raise old Bartolo from the grave to exculpate her husband from the charge of murder. This was an instance of the sublime of expression which almost electrified the house. Would that there had been more of such! On the whole, however, Miss Cushman's Bianca, with the draw backs we have suggested, may be acknowledged as a "thing of greatness" if not always "a thing of beauty." The drama, on the whole, was well performed. Mr. Howe surprised us in Fazio. With too much energy, there were a truth and a sincerity in his assumption which reconciled the mind to the absence of many graces. The small part of the miser, as rendered by Mr. Chippendale, was really a portrait, and led off the action in a most favourable manner. Mrs. Buckingham was tasked, and some what overtasked, with Aldabella, but she looked what overtasked, with Alagoria, out she looked the part magnificently. Repulsive as it is, the character requires great histrionic power for its adequate interpretation, and this it has not yet had; nevertheless the full effect of the play is in jured by the want of a fitting representative; and Fazio's conduct thereby needs the justification required to give the proper degree of probability to the story. Altogether, however, the drama has seldom been so satisfactorily mounted as on this occasion.—On Wednesday, Miss Cushman performed the part of Mrs. Haller.—At this theatre, as well as at Drury Lane and the Marylebone, the practice of occasionally performing the pantomine in the morning has been adopted with success.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC GOSSIP.—Besides the Autumn Festivals planned for this year,-at Norwich (which we are told is now a settled fact),-at Liverpool (dependent on the completion of St. George's Hall, which may depend on War or Cotton),—and the meeting of the Three Choirs,—we learn that a Festival is in contemplation for Brighton, to be held there early in the month of September. - Our contemporaries, meanwhile, state that the Sacred Harmonic Society, resolute to keep the high place to which it has risen, intends to enjoin increased strictness in the attendance on rehearsols, and to adopt other measures for the purification or improvement of its band and chorus .-The late cheap performance of 'The Creation' at St. Martin's Hall was so successful as to have led to its repetition on Wednesday last.

There is a report that Mr. G. Case, who was known to be in treaty with the Drury Lane management for the establishment there of an English Opera, intends to make his attempt at the St. James's Theatre. A building is still wanted more suitable to the purpose than either the large or the little theatre, -- analogous to the Opéra Comique of Paris.

It is said that Herr Ernst will be shortly in London.—We are informed, too, that Mdlle. La Grua is among the artists who may be expected here this season.

The Gazette Musicale mentions that, about St. Valentine's day, Meyerbeer's comic opera may be expected: so that towards the close of February, or the middle of March, curiosity may, perhaps, be "put out of its pain" respecting a work so long in preparation, and so largely discussed beforehand.

—When some Burney to come shall begin to look about him for Meyerbeer-iana, in illustration of our strange musical times, the delays of that distinguished composer, and the Boulevard talk to which they have given occasion, will furnish as curious a chapter as most in the annals of Music -those containing Gabrielli's caprices, Catalani's triumphs, and Mdlle. Lind's indecisions not forgotten. The maestro's comic opera (which has been for six months past "in the cauldron") seems destined to afford the quidnuncs larger occasion for gossip than even his 'Prophète' did. There are now people in Paris who declare that the work is waiting not for Mdlle. Duprez or for Mdlle. Lefebvre, or till its composer has, as usual, "tried conclusions" with harps, Saxas usual, "tried conclusions" with narps, Suatubas, double bass clarionets, or other new instruments strange or sprightly—but for the answer of H.M. the Czar! The story of the opera is a Russian story, and the heroine is the Empress Catherine:—and if the Gaul and the Muscovise to war its present. of Paris, scribed as lady is hai atre (of for) has be she is now developem than any beginning The m famishes more piqu music itse has given pelite bet of kapelln sanse on

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to war, it may become a question, whether L'Étoile du Nord' be given at all,—at least, with

its present libretto. The debut of Mdlle. Cruvelli at the Grand Opera of Paris, in 'Les Huguenots,' is universally described as having been brilliantly successful. lady is hailed as the prima donna for which that atre (of all theatres the most difficult to cater for) has been so long waiting.—We apprehend that is now placed in a better position for the full developement and balance of her magnificent gifts than any hitherto held by her, and look with no common interest for the sequel of so auspicious a beginning. 'La Vestale' of Spontini is in preparstion as Mdlle. Cruvelli's second opera.

The musical movement in modern Germany misses matter for newspaper controversy far more piquant and amusing than modern German music itself.—The Festival at Carlsruhe, in 1853, music testin.—I restrict a darker in the first has given occasion to a battle more personal than polite betwixt "the tail" (as the Scotch say) of Dr. Liszt and the followers of the elder school of kapellmeisters, and a good deal of violent nonsense on the subject has gone round.—Politics, too, (as might, indeed, be inferred from the tone and temper of Dr. Marx's grave treatises on composition), seem to have their share in envenoming these musical discords.—We are now told that the reputation of Herr Wagner is made a party matter with those holding "the new ideas" rersus the "old ones."—While talking of musical journalism and Germany, it may be mentioned that rumour has mentioned the possibility of M. Berlioz accepting a kapellmeistership in that stormy land. The scute French critic has denied the story, in a sente French critic has denied the story, in a whimsical note addressed by him to the Gazette Musicale. Meanwhile, London tongues are whispering that the bitton offered to M. Berlioz, is no German "time-stick,"—but one by which an orchestra at Her Majesty Theatre is to be directed. 'The Merchant of Venice' has been melo-dra-

"The Merchant of Venice' has been melo-drain-matized at the Ambigu Comique of Paris—with Issica left out, and Antonio made into the son of Shylock—by M. Dugué, with the purpose of sfording a new terrific part to M. Chilly.—We are informed that Herr Dingelstedt, the graceful German poet, has been re-arranging Shakspeare's 'Tempest' for the Munich stage. It is added that M. Benedict has been commissioned to prepare the music for the drama.

A new theatre at the East End is, it seems, about to be erected. Mr. E. T. Smith, the present about to be erected. Mr. E. I. Sintu, the present lesse of Druy Lane, is stated to have purchased the old Shadwell Workhouse, in the parish of St. Paul with that purpose. The site includes an area of 7,000 square feet. The performances are to include tragedy, comedy, farce, ballet, and equestrian exercises.

Mrs. C. Kean, we regret to learn, has been alarmingly ill:—owing to which the royal thea-tricals at Windsor needed the assistance of Mr. Wigan on Thursday week, and the Olympic Theatre was, on that evening, consequently closed. Mrs. Kean, however, we are glad to announce, is recovering.

### MISCELLANEA

Whirlwinds.—A very remarkable whirlwind, or rather ternado, occurred here on Friday last, at 1.30 r.m. It was observed about a mile S.W. of this place, and coming into contact with substantial out-buildings of a farm-house, it carried the roof away, leaving behind it what resembles the remains of a configaration. It next seized on the south wing of our house and lifted a beam with all its load of tons out of its place. Proceeding in a north-easterly direction it lifted the cows from their feet, and bore them in the air to a considerable distance, and then safely let them down spain, at the same time breaking large trees in the midst like rotten sticks. Forming a curve line, it was observed about nine miles from this place, between Congleton and Macclessfield, but then it was raging with diminished fury. Its violence lasted only a few minutes, and the extent of its ravages was confined within forty or fifty yards of width. What is perhaps remarkable, it was preceded and succeeded by a calm, and the barometer was steady at 29.7. The position of this place is, lat. 53° 10′ 36″ N.; long. 2° 20′ 30″ W. Iam, &c.

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